

## **JIMBOOMBA RSL BRIEF**

There was a previous version of Jimboomba RSL but I know very little about this organisation. I know that they were registered in Nov 2005. The current sub-branch was established in the 2010 and we received our charter on 1 July 2012.

We did not have a building when we first started in 2010 and were lucky to have been allowed to use the existing facilities of an organisation called the Veterans Support and Advocacy Service Australia (VSASA) the primary role at that time of supporting Vietnam vets. Overtime their number dwindled to a point where for organisation was not viable. As a result, VSASA gifted their building and their funds to the Jimboomba RSL in April 2014.

We currently have a total of 16 active and 7auxiliary members and like most sub-branches finding new members is problematic.

Jimboomba RSL is located in the Jimboomba Sports Precinct next to the football club which is growing at a significant rate. To accommodate this growth, the RSL needed to be relocated. A grant was secured from the Federal and State government as well Logan City Council to the value of \$1.18M. The RSL was subsequently relocated approximately 300 metres from our old location, and we received two (2) new wheelchair toilets, showers, a storeroom, an assembly area with an illuminated flagpole and two (2) memorial walls as well as an undercover BBQ area with new outdoor furniture. We moved back into the facility in April 2023 and have been in the process of getting the RSL back up to speed.

Our membership has improved in the past year but remains one of our major tasks.