

RSL CQ DISTRICT NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

District Matters

I will be on leave during the month of September & early October.
The next newsletter will be mid-October 2023.

The Vietnam 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War was commemorated throughout our District at a number of different venues. I attended the RSL Emu Park dinner at Pine Beach Hotel.
It was a very successful evening enjoyed by all and the Sub Branch has had very positive feedback.

In regards to commemorations held at other Sub Branches I will provide information and photos as they become available in the October newsletter.

On the 25th August the Office of Fair Trading approved our name change.

Over the coming months the District will organise new stationary & upgrade existing policies & procedures to reflect the name change, upgrade of uniforms (shirts), honour board for the district office, district office name change & I will continue to upgrade our web site.

The RSL State will work closely with District to facilitate these changes.

Other Matters

District Council meetings for 2023

16.9.2023 – Mackay RSL

18.11.202 – Emu Park RSL

District Executive meetings for 2023

28.10.2023

RSL Capricornia Rockhampton Combined Services Sub Branch

The Department of Fair Trading will advise when the process is completed.

RSL Gracemere Sub Branch

The Gracemere RSL held a commemorative service on the 27th July.

Korean Veterans from Gracemere Sub Branch and Rockhampton/Capricornia Sub Branch. The service was well attended and on behalf of RSL CQ District I would like to thank the Gracemere executive for a memorable service.

KOREAN VETERANS' DAY | 27 July 2023

70th ANNIVERSARY

The 3-year war on the Korean Peninsula was the first open conflict of the Cold War. On 25th June 1950 North Korean troops crossed the 38th Parallel into South Korea. Two days later the United Nations' Security Council in New York committed forces from willing nations to aid South Korea - Australia was one of 21 countries that supported them against the Communist North.

The first of the Australian forces to be sent to South Korea was 77 RAAF Squadron along with the Frigate HMAS Shoalhaven and the Destroyer HMAS Bataan, which were both stationed in Japan at the time. In September 1950, the Government sent the 3rd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment followed by 1RAR then 2RAR.

On 19th October 1950, the Chinese forces crossed the Yalu River and entered the War. Some of the major battles that the Australians fought were Kapyong, Maryang San and Samichon.

On 19th July 1953, an agreement for the Armistice between the UN and the Communists was reached, and the Armistice Agreement was signed at 10am on 27th July 1953. The former belligerent nations each withdrew 2 kilometers in accordance with the Armistice Agreement, forming the Demilitarised Zone which still exists today.

Australian Forces remained in Korea as part of the Multi-National Peacekeeping Force until 1957. More than 17,000 Australians served in the Korean War, supporting South Korea alongside 21 other allied nations in defense of freedom and peace. Tragically, some 340 Australians lost their lives (KIA), more than 1,200 were wounded (WIA), 29 were taken prisoner (POW), and more than 40 remain missing in action (MIA). However, these efforts went largely unnoticed in Australia, causing added suffering for many who served in the so-called 'forgotten war'.

Casualty figures for some of the other UN Forces – Republic of Korea KIA 415,004, United Kingdom 670, Turkey 717, New Zealand 31, Ethiopia 120, and United States 29,550, just to name a few. A huge price to pay to stop the Communist aggression!

We join together in recognising and honouring the invaluable contribution of our Korean War veterans and to ensure their service and sacrifice is never forgotten. On this Korean Veterans' Day, we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Korean War.





On Going Matters and Reminders

District Website/Facebook Website address is www.rslpfdistrict.org.au has been changed to www.rslcqdistrict.com.au . Either domain name will connect you with the RSL CQ Web Site.

Sub Branches are encouraged to keep providing details of events, photographs, to President, Phil Luzzi, or District Secretary, Lynette Phillips, for placing on the District website and Facebook page.

Dental & Allied Health Program

The program will continue in continue into 2023 and will be budgeted for accordingly.

The budget for the Allied Health Program has been increased to \$1250.00 per person per calendar year.

Total expenses were. Dental \$12,562.70 Hearing \$4,199.90 and Optical \$9,683.18

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = \$26,445.78

Live Life Alarms Program

The forms are available on the District website.

There has been a significant increase in the annual fee for the alarms.

The annual increase was effective from the 1st July 2023 and it is now \$75.00 per annum paid by the consumer unless other arrangements have been made by your Sub Branch for reimbursement.

Number of new applications, renewals, and spending YTD 6 recharges & 5 new applications.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2023 \$2,845.00

District Charitable Objects Fund

The fund will continue in 2023 with a further \$100,000 of funds being allocated by RSL Queensland to the District. Please note that applications are limited to a maximum amount of \$10,000 and applications cannot be retrospective.

All applications need to be on the application form and be in accordance with the guidelines.

Sub Branch financials **MUST BE PROVIDED** as well as **QUOTES** for the functions, trips away and any other event, before any application can be considered.

Sub-Branches need to ensure they familiarize themselves with this documentation before an application is made. Sub-Branches are encouraged to come up with worthy projects and apply for funding.

NOTE: COF applications will NOT be paid retrospectively. Quotes have to be provided on the application otherwise the sub branch will have to meet the out-of-pocket expenses.

Acquittals must be completed within 30 days and all invoices to show a zero balance.

The COF process has been reviewed by the State Council of District Presidents and a number of changes to the existing policy has been reviewed. The new application forms are available from Lynette Phillips (District Secretary) or on the district website under resources.

Sub-Branch Support Program

Funding is available for 2023 through this program for those Sub-Branches in financial need. Please refer to program policy and guidelines. An application needs to be made on application form.

TOTAL YTD = NIL

Emergency Welfare Spending

TOTAL YTD = \$749.00

Phillip Luzzi

District President

Office Hours

The District Office is located at 214 Victoria Street Mackay.

Office Hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am – 3.30pm

The District Secretary can be contacted on 07 4957 4165 or 0432 124 514 and email address cq@rslqld.org

RSLQ Advocate is Tracey Victor. For an appointment with an Advocate, please call 134 775.

The Last Post

Membership ID	First Name	Last Name	Owner	Last Financial	Deceased Date	Membership Type
1554218	John	Stein	Capricornia & Rockhampton	SMLIFE	25/07/2023	Service Member