



THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE
OF
AUSTRALIA
(Queensland Branch)

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND
DISTRICT BRANCH INC.
BY-LAWS

NAME & SHORT TITLE

- 1.01 “District” or “District Branch” when referred to in these By-Laws means “The Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Central Queensland District Branch Inc.” short title “RSL CQ District Branch Inc.”

DISTRICT OFFICE

- 1.02 The office of RSL CQ District Branch Inc. shall be in such place as the District Branch determines from time to time.

DISTRICT BY-LAWS

- 1.03 These By-Laws apply to all Sub-Branches that are under the jurisdiction of the District Branch. These By-Laws are to be consistent with the general spirit and intent of the Constitution and By-Laws of RSL (Queensland Branch) and the laws of Australia.

- 1.04 All By-Laws made pursuant to the preceding paragraph must be submitted to RSL (Queensland Branch) for approval. On such approval being granted and the District Branch being notified in writing, such By-Laws shall become binding and operative.

INTERPRETATION

1.05 The decision of the District Board on the construction or interpretation of these By-Laws shall be conclusive and binding on all members unless and until the same shall be overruled by the District Annual General Meeting.

AMENDMENTS ETC.

1.06 These By-Laws may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution passed by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes of members present and entitled to vote at any District Annual General Meeting or District Branch meeting, of which at least six weeks previous notice in writing, specifying the proposed additions, repeals or amendments, has been given to each Sub-Branch in the District subject to approval by State Branch.

ORGANISATION AND COMPOSITION

1.07 The general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the District is vested in the District Board under Clause 25.1 of the constitution.

1.08 The District Board shall be composed of a President, Deputy President, up to two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary (if unpaid), a Treasurer (if unpaid).

1.09 The Board has the power to appoint voluntary Associate Directors to assist with the running and administration of the district when deemed necessary. An Associate Director has no Board voting rights, is responsible to the Board and the tenure of the position is negotiable and subject to an engagement agreement.

1.10 Meetings of the District Branch, shall be held six times per year in accordance with these By-Laws, and may include the Annual General Meeting.

1.11 The President of each Sub Branch is automatically elected to the District Branch. If the President of the Sub Branch is subsequently elected to the Executive of the District Board, the Sub Branch may then elect a Representative to attend and vote at District Branch Meetings.

1.12 RSL CQ District Branch Inc. shall consist of Sub-Branches within the geographical area bounded by:

a. A line drawn along the Tropic of Capricorn West from the coast to the Capricorn Highway, thence generally along the Capricorn Highway to approximately 149 degrees East (approx. Bluff), thence South to 25 degrees South, thence West to 146 degrees East (approx. Jericho), thence North to 22

degrees South (Due West of Moranbah), thence generally North-East to the coast at approximately Midge Point:

- b. And includes the off-shore islands.
- c. A map of the district is shown at Annex A to these By-Laws.
- d. A list of Sub-Branches within the District is shown at Annex B to these By-Laws. This list may be added to by the formation of new Sub Branches within the geographical area as approved by the Board of RSL (Queensland Branch).
- e. Each Sub Branch is expected to conduct its operations within the geographical boundary of the district and as agreed with its nearest Sub Branch. If no such agreement can be reached, the decision of the District Executive shall be final and without further appeal.

MEETINGS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1.13 The District Branch shall hold an Annual General Meeting attended by the elected Board of the District Branch and the Presidents (or Representatives) of Sub Branches from within the geographical boundaries of the district. The President, Deputy President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary (if unpaid), and Treasurer (if unpaid) of the District Branch shall be elected only at the Annual General Meeting in accordance District Constitution.

1.14 Each Annual General Meeting shall be held within 6 months of the close of each financial year.

1.15 Nominations for all officers, except paid officers of the District Branch must be submitted in writing, prior to the Annual General Meeting.

1.16 Nominations are to close a minimum of four weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. Alternately, reasonable notice of such dates shall be given to members as the District Board may decide.

1.17 Except for paid officers of the District Branch, the Board of RSL CQ District Branch Inc. is to be elected on a rotating basis, for a term period in accordance with District Constitution.

MEETINGS - DISTRICT BRANCH

1.18 In addition to the Annual General Meeting, meetings of the District Branch shall be held in February, March, May, July, August and October at such date, time and location as the district shall decide at the preceding meeting. These

meetings shall not include Special Meetings convened upon a requisition signed in accordance with District Rule 26.1

QUORUM

1.19 The quorum for all District Meetings is to be at least the number of directors elected to the Board at the last AGM plus one, in accordance with District Rule 39.1.

NOTICE OF MEETING

1.20 Not less than 14 days' notice of every meeting of the District Branch or reasonable notice of any Committees, specifying the day and hour of the meeting and the general nature of the business, must be given to each member entitled to be present thereat and entitled to vote. Notice shall be given by the District Secretary or other officer appointed by the district for that purpose, and in such manner as may be determined.

VOTING

1.21 - All Delegates to the District Council (i.e., Members), present, in person shall be entitled to one vote. The Executive Officers of the District Branch are not eligible to vote. In the event of an equality of votes being cast, the matter is to be resolved in the negative. Paid employees are not entitled to vote.

DISTRICT BOARD

1.22 The Executive Officers of the District Branch (the Board) shall be the President, Deputy President, Vice Presidents, Secretary (if unpaid), and Treasurer (if unpaid).

1.23 The Board may meet as often as the District President may deem necessary in order to discuss issues and present recommendations to District Branch. The day-to-day management of the district is vested in the Board.

DISTRICT BRANCH COMMITTEES

1.24 The District Branch shall have power to appoint and delegate any of its powers to Committees.

MEMBER OF STATE COUNCIL OF DISTRICT PRESIDENTS RSL (QLD BRANCH)

1.25 On election, the District President is automatically a Member of State Council of District Presidents RSL (Queensland Branch), and Delegate to the Annual General Meeting of RSL (Queensland Branch).

OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES

1.26 Out of Pocket Expenses may be paid to members of RSL CQ District Board, as determined by the District Branch. Such expenses may be paid on the condition that:

- a. they are incurred in relation to official business of the district and
- b. they are approved by the District Board.
- c. and are paid retrospectively

DISTRICT CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

1.257 A District Certificate of Merit may be awarded by a District Annual General Meeting;

- a. To a League member on the recommendation of his/her Sub-Branch. The nomination must be accompanied by a suitable citation.
- b. The District Board may recommend to the District Annual General Meeting, the award of a District Certificate of Merit to a member of the district who has rendered exemplary service to the district over a period in excess of ten years. The award of a District Certificate of Merit shall not debar a person from nomination for Life Membership of the League.
- c. To members of Women's or Citizens Auxiliaries who have given ten years outstanding service to the League and who have been nominated by their Sub-Branch. Such nomination must be accompanied by a suitable citation.

DISTRICT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

1.28 The District Certificate of Appreciation may be awarded to members of the public not eligible to be members of the League. These persons must have given outstanding service to the League and its ideals without payment or favor.

Sub-Branches or the District Board may nominate such persons and the nomination is to be accompanied by a suitable citation.

ANNEX A



ANNEX B

CQ District Branch Inc.

District Sub-Branches

Blackwater/Bluff
Rockhampton District
Carmila
Clermont
Emerald
Emu Park
Farleigh and Northern Beaches
Finch Hatton
Gemfields
Gracemere & District
Kuttabul
Mackay
Marian
Moranbah
Mirani
Sarina (under review)
Seaforth
Springsure
St Helens
Walkerston/Pleystowe
Yeppoon

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