

RSL CQ DISTRICT NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023

District Matters

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 rebranding & I will continue to upgrade our web site & Facebook

Other Matters

District Council Meeting was held on the 18th November.

There were 18 Delegates, 6 Co Delegates, 12 Visitors in attendance.

Three members were presented with Life Membership & one member received a certificate of merit.

Gloria Lynch: Women's Auxiliary (RSL Rockhampton Sub Branch)

Cecelia Miller: Women's Auxiliary (RSL Rockhampton Sub Branch)

Phillip Luzzi: District President (RSL Emu Park Sub Branch)

Bas Soper: (RSL Gracemere & District Sub Branch) received a certificate of merit for his outstanding contribution as a welfare provider.



20/07/24 - Emu Park Sub Branch

21/09/24 – Mackay Sub Branch

16/11/24 – Clermont Sub Branch

District Executive meetings for 2024

03/02/24, 02/02/24, 27/04/24, 29/06/24, 31/08/24, 26/10/24

RSL Capricornia Rockhampton Combined Services Sub Branch

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

Hayley Stephens (solicitor ANZAC House) contacted last month and will follow up in due course.

On Going Matters and Reminders

District Website/Facebook Website address is www.rslpfhdistrict.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.

Charitable Objects Fund

Total expenditure for 2023 = \$50,687.64

Dental and Allied Health Support Program

No of applications approved = 95

Dental = \$21,654.05

Hearing = \$4,250.70

Optical = \$15,391.23

Live Life Alarms Program

Number of new applications, renewals and spending = \$4,646.00

Recharges x 9

New x 5 & 3 replacements

Total expenditure = \$4,139.00

Emergency Welfare Spending

Spending YTD = \$1,125.00

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 = \$2000.00

LiveLife Alarms Program

The forms are available on the district web site.

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 7 recharges & 6 new applications.

District Charitable Objects Fund

The fund will continue in 2024 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.

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

Annual Leave

I will be on annual leave between mid December and mid January.

This is my final news letter until the February addition in 2024.

I wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and safe journeys over the festive season.



Phillip Luzzi

District President

THE LAST POST

| Membership ID | First Name | Last Name | Sub Branch | Last Financial Year | Deceased Date |
|---------------|------------|-----------|--|---------------------|---------------|
| 1017189 | Anthony | Lansdown | Capricornia and Rockhampton Region Sub Branch Inc. | SM2018 | 24/11/2023 |
| 2400113 | Allan | Fuller | Finch Hatton Sub Branch Inc. | SMLIFE | 10/08/2022 |
| 1030207 | Mervyn | Mudge | Gracemere & District Sub Branch Inc. | SMLIFE | 18/10/2023 |
| 1503719 | William | Bruce | Marian Sub Branch Inc. | SMLIFE | 11/11/2023 |
| 1518992 | Ken | Loadsman | Moranbah Sub Branch | SM2002 | 31/10/2023 |
| 1011362 | Stanley | Halliwell | St Helens Sub Branch Inc. | SMLIFE | 12/11/2023 |

District Council Meeting at Emu Park Sub Branch





MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF THE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE CENTRAL QLD DISTRICT

Office Closure

The **RSL CQ DISTRICT OFFICE** will be closed:

Wednesday 20th December 2023

until Monday 8th January 2024

If you have an urgent enquiry please call the District mobile on 0432 124 514 and leave a message.

The **RSL VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE** will be closed:

Wednesday 20th December 2023

until Monday 8th January 2024

If you have an urgent enquiry please call the below

RSL Qld Branch on 134 RSL (134 775)

Open Arms on 1800 011 046

ADF Mental Health on 1800 628 036

Lifeline Australia on 13 11 14

1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732