

**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 website & Facebook.

**Other Matters**

Margaret Mallyon

Australia Day Award presented at the RSL Emerald AGM on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Welfare** – Margaret has visited members and families who required assistance and provided support when necessary.

Margaret coordinated sending food parcels to serving members she knew in Afghanistan for a number of years bearing the financial cost.

**Fundraising** - Margaret has been involved in fundraising for the Emerald Sub-Branch for approximately 30 years.

Since 1994 Margaret's involvement with the raffles and sale of merchandise including poppies and ribbons to various schools with the funds being used for welfare, commemorative and patriotic services.

Margaret was very involved for many years with the Little Athletics in Emerald. Margaret and Noel Mallyon jointly received the Emerald Shire Council's Australia Day Citizen's award for their dedicated service.



Barry Vains (Associate Director) has been working on RSL National Awards and the Building Facilities Assistance Program.

The Building Facilities Assistance Program was included in the budget in February and will be implemented this year.

We have received four applications for consideration.

RSL State Branch will no longer cover the ongoing expenses associate with the Allied Health Program as they believe it does not fall within the COF guidelines.

The district will continue to cover the cost of this program out of our own budget; however, it will be reviewed periodically depending on the district's available finances.

#### District Council meetings for 2024

23 /03/24 – AGM & DC Meeting, Gracemere & District Sub Branch for their consideration and action.

18/05/24, 20/07/24, 21/09/24, 23/11/24

#### District Executive meetings for 2023

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

#### RSL Capricornia Rockhampton Combined Services Sub Branch

Documentation has now been submitted to the Department of Fair Trading by RSL Rockhampton Sub Branch

#### **On Going Matters**

District Website/Facebook Website address is [www.rslcqdistrict.com.au](http://www.rslcqdistrict.com.au) .

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 and Allied Health Support Program**

Dental = \$ 3259.20

Hearing = \$1250.00

Optical = \$697.00

TOTAL = \$6401.20

#### **Emergency Welfare Spending = 2**

TOTAL SPENDING YTD = \$1650.00

#### **Sub-Branch Support Program**

Funding is available for 2024 through this program for those Sub-Branches in financial need.

Please refer to program policy and guidelines. A formal application is required.

TOTAL YTD = \$ Nil

#### **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 cost is now \$75.00 per annum paid by the consumer unless other arrangements have been made by your sub branch for reimbursement.

Recharges = Nil

New = Nil

Upgrade = 1

Total expenditure = \$457.00

#### **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 \$10,000.00

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.*

Phillip Luzzi

District President

### **THE LAST POST**

<b>Membership ID</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Last Financial Year</b>	<b>Deceased Date</b>
1014746	Phillip	Macklin	Mackay Sub Branch Inc.	SM2001	20/01/2024
1029776	Patrick	Canavan	Seaforth Sub Branch Inc.	SMLIFE	4/02/2024
1008817	Leslie	Fell	Walkerston-Pleystowe Sub	SMLIFE	24/02/2024