

RSL CQ DISTRICT NEWSLETTER JULY 2024

The district has organised new stationary & upgrading existing policies & procedures.

The Allied Health Program has been recently amended and the District Secretary can provide a copy of the procedures and application form can be found on the district website.

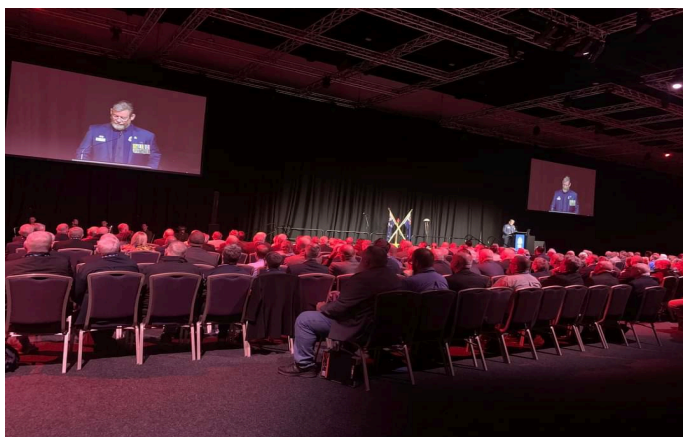
The district office rebranding will continue & I will continue to upgrade our web site.

RSL State Congress & AGM

The State Congress & AGM was held on the 22 June at the Royal International Convention Centre. There were 187 voting delegates in attendance & 21 apologies submitted. Several motions were presented and carried.

Maj. Gen. Stephen Day DSC AM was elected by the voting members as State President for an additional three years.





Mr John Edwards, President RSL Marian Sub Branch and Deputy President of RSL CQ District addressed the Congress and spoke about Camaraderie within their Sub Branch and community.

His address as follows:-

We are a small but passionate Sub-branch; we are based in the heart of the sugar growing area 30 kms west of Mackay.

Our Sub-branch was established in 1946, and we currently have 33 service members, and 6 non-League members.

We are active in our community, but there is one specific activity we do that I'd like to share with you today, to illustrate how we foster camaraderie with veterans from our Sub-branch and the other local sub branch's within the community.

That activity is an ANZAC DAY Rugby League match between two teams in the Mackay region.

As we all know, ANZAC DAY is a momentous occasion; a day of remembrance and a time when we reflect the values of courage, mate ship, and resilience--- values that are deeply woven into the fabric of our nation and our communities. These values are also perfectly embedded in the spirit of Australian sport.

In 2018, our sub branch sought to combine these two events in a commemorative game of Rugby League. As I am on the committee at Western Suburbs Rugby League Football Club Mackay, we forged ahead with plans for an ANZAC DAY match, and in 2019 we hosted the first game.

We have continued this event and developed the tradition each year. We hold an ANZAC DAY service prior to the game, where the players are led onto the field by bagpipe players and the captains of each team lay a wreath in honor of passed veterans.

This year we introduced the Best & Fairest Award in memory of a WW2 Veteran, Corporal Noel Costigan who was awarded the MM and was MID.

Our Sub- Branch takes part in the design of the jerseys for the West's players to wear, these jerseys are presented by members of the Sub -Branch before the game. One of the players, Andrew Dunkley, is an Afghanistan veteran and a member of the RSL.

Unfortunately, in the first week of April this year, the ANZAC DAY jerseys were stolen. We weren't sure if we would be able to go ahead with the game without the jerseys, as they are such a big part of the commemoration aspect of the day.

We investigated getting a new set of jerseys printed, but the cost and time required to get them to us before the game was a concern.

Fortunately, RSL Queensland heard about our misfortune and our predicament, and contacted us with the offer of a lifetime. State Branch offered to pay for the production and delivery of the new jerseys so the game could go ahead, they arrived two days before the game.

The opportunity to combine our National pastime with our National Day of Remembrance is a privilege that would not have been possible without the generous assistance of RSL Queensland.

This year's ANZAC DAY match went ahead and attracted a crowd of 2,000 people. Veterans and their families received free admission, and by all accounts, it was a great day out in the community.

This year members of Walkerston/Pleystowe Sub Branch were involved, the game was between West's Tiger and South's Sharks. Members of Marian RSL Sub -Branch and Walkerston/Pleystowe RSL Sub -Branch presented jerseys to the players of both teams.

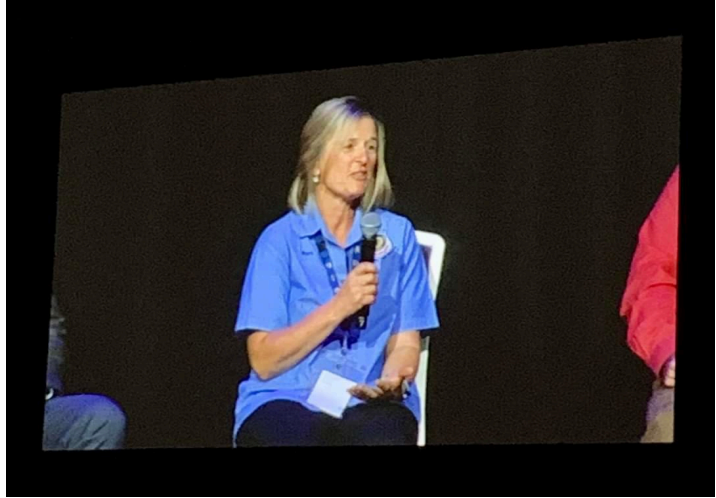
We will continue to be involved with this opportunity to build camaraderie between other veterans and RSL members.

The efforts of all involved in this event enriched our ANZAC DAY commemorations and strengthened the bonds of unity and respect within our community and the ranks of the RSL. When we get involved in our community's and fosters camaraderie it is returned to our veterans two—fold.



Mrs Barbra Farren-Price addressed the conference and spoke about the role of RSL St Hellens

Sub Branch and their involvement with their community and how they assist veterans, local schools and the broader community.



Other Matters

Coin Of Appreciation

RSL Gracemere Sub Branch volunteers received a Coin of Appreciation from RSL Queensland for their service and their commitment to the League.

The award was presented by Phil Luzzi (District President) & Tony Harris (Sub Branch President)

Ruth Harris, Cheryl Smith & Vincent Mathers were the proud recipients of the award.



Barry Vains (Associate Director) has been working on RSL National Awards, Building Facilities Assistance Program and Good Governance Guide.

The Building Facilities Assistance Program was included in the budget in February and has now been implemented. \$50, 00.00 has been set aside in the budget and will be reviewed annually

District Council meetings for 2024

20/07/24 – RSL Emu Park Sub Branch

21/09/24 – RSL Mackay Sub Branch

23/11/24 – RSL Clermont Sub Branch

District Executive meetings for 2024

31/08/24, 26/10/24

On Going Matters

District Website/Facebook Website address is 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 = \$13,294.73

Hearing = \$ 4,040.80

Optical = \$4,444.70

TOTAL = \$24,225.23

Emergency Welfare Spending = 2

TOTAL SPENDING YTD = \$3549.99

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 = 1

New = 2

Upgrade = \$457.00

Total expenditure = \$1626.00

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.

Projects supported to date in 2024 are:

- Rockhampton Sub Branch – Day bus trip for Women’s Auxiliary to museum and lunch \$1 050.00
- Finch Hatton Sub Branch – Anzac day dinner for veterans and their families \$1 580.00
- Marian Sub Branch – Bus for the Mackay Pipe Band for Anzac Day services in the Pioneer Valley \$1 855.00

- Finch Hatton Sub Branch – Microphone and recording equipment for use at ceremonies and Anzac Day \$379.95
- CQ District - First Aid training course being held at Gracemere for Sub Branch members in the southern Sub Branches \$3 280.95

Phillip Luzzi

District President

THE LAST POST

Membership ID	First Name	Last Name	Owner	Last Financial Year	Deceased Date
1570162	Scott	McMullen	Emerald Sub Branch Inc.	SMLIFE	21/06/2024
1735688	Robert	Williams	Mackay Sub Branch Inc.	SMLIFE	11/06/2024

BOARD EVALUATION SURVEY

In line with the District Branch's goal of continuous improvement and the Good Governance Guide, we request that you complete this small survey regarding the District Board's performance in leading and managing the Central QLD District and to offer any suggestions on ways to improve the current operation. All responses are completely anonymous, however if you do wish to leave a name and contact details, you are more than welcome to do so.

Please click on the link or Q Code to go to the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/5civ2qSCvQ>

