

RSL CQ DISTRICT NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024

State Council of District Presidents

1. Two Wellbeing / Compensation Advocates have commenced in Rockhampton.

They are currently in their first year of ADTP (Level 1).

Until the two trainees have completed their training it is requested that all inquiries are directed to RSL State Branch.

I will keep the members informed of their progress.

2. All RSL membership applications to be forwarded to the District Secretary after completed and the district will then forward them to membership for processing.

3. In conjunction with the State Secretary and the SCDP's By-Law 7 is currently under review.

One of the main changes which will come into effect when completed is the statute of limitations will be reduced from three years to one year.

4. The State Secretary in conjunction with the SCDP's is reviewing 5.2 of the constitution which deals with the purchase, sale, leasing of property as the general intent is to simplify the process.

5. All Life Memberships Applications have to be signed and a comment included by the President of the Sub Branch as well as the badge number before it is submitted to the District Secretary.

6. There has been further discussion on the Members Value Proposition and it may be included in the 2025 State Congress for consideration, furthermore any motions for the State Congress have to be forwarded to the District Secretary for the SCDP for their information.

7. The SCDP in conjunction with Bill Kernoczy (Head of League Services, Legal) are reviewing the COF application as the SCDP have some concerns regarding restricted items on the application.

8. RSL Sarina reformation has been delayed by the liquidators as they are currently following up on outstanding superannuation entitlements for previous employees.

RSL CQ District Branch

Good Governance Guide

In conjunction with the District Secretary and Administration Assistant, they have reviewed the Good Governance Guide. A copy of the marked-up changes was provided to the District Executive for consideration and was approved at their meeting held on Wednesday 23 October.

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

The district office re branding will continue when contractors are available.

District Council meetings for 2024

23/11/24 – RSL Clermont Sub Branch

District Executive meetings for 2024

11/12/2024.

Other Matters

In regards to the Model Constitution, the district has now received nine proposed model constitutions 2023/2024 back which have been forwarded to the SCDP for approval. Once you have received your approved back from RSL QLD League Services forward a copy to the Department of Fair Trading for their records and pay associated costs.

Sub Branches who have not submitted their marked up copy of the constitution and their clean copy as well as associated documents please do so ASAP. If you require any assistance, contact the district office.

The District President who attended the RSL Emu Park Sub Branch for their General Meeting held on the 27th October 2024 presented two members with their Life Membership and Gold Badge for their outstanding contribution to the sub branch over the past sixteen years.

Mr. Ron Robinson & Mr. Jon Willson were the proud recipients of this prestigious award.



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 = \$17,992.43

Hearing = \$7,906.80

Optical = \$11,953.17

TOTAL = \$40,489.40

Emergency Welfare Spending

TOTAL SPENDING YTD =5,527.26

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 = \$1,500.00

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 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 = 6

Upgrade = 6

Total expenditure = \$6,249.00

District Charitable Objects Fund

The fund will continue in 2025 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.

RSL State Board Talking Points

This month's Board meeting took place at a new location, as we toured two RSL Art Union properties on the Gold Coast and received a briefing on the operational aspects of the Art Union. It provided invaluable insights into the various components and dedicated individuals that drive the success of the RSL Art Union.

Below are the key points from our Board meeting of 19 September 2024:

Veteran Support

RSL Queensland invests significantly in national programs and services to assist veterans and their families across Australia, and the Board discussed how we can continue to deliver this support and effectively reach the veteran community. More information regarding RSL Queensland's impact, both within Queensland and Nationally, can be found on our website - [Our Impact | About Us | RSL Queensland \(rslqld.org\)](#).

RSL Queensland Property Portfolio

As you may recall, I have discussed the 'Capital Management Framework' several times. This framework aims to provide a long-term planning perspective, enabling our organisation to effectively plan and invest in services and programs. Recognising the critical role of our property portfolio in supporting our mission, we developed a policy to ensure its strategic, efficient, and responsible management.

Currently, we are conducting a baseline evaluation of all properties in our portfolio. While this may lead to changes in our property holdings in the future, we will always have clear strategies and plans in place to minimise any impact from these changes.

Annual Board & Committee Evaluation Process

Board and Committee evaluations are essential for strong governance, allowing the Board to pinpoint strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in the governance framework. Committed to ongoing improvement, the Board has approved a 'Board & Committee Evaluation Guideline' that enhances the existing process and offers a flexible format adaptable to both the Board and each Committee.

Sub Branch Dealings and constitution amendments

As you may know, clause 5.2 requires Sub Branches to obtain prior written consent from RSL Queensland before engaging in certain transactions, such as property dealings.

We are always seeking ways to streamline this process for Sub Branches. In response to a suggestion from the Stanthorpe Sub Branch, the Board approved amendments to the [Procedure: Request for consent to dealings under clause 5.2](#), allowing for pre-approval of property sales and/or purchases by Districts and Sub Branches. We understand that property transactions often require urgency, and waiting for consent can be challenging for Districts or Sub Branches. This amendment aims to address that concern.

We hope this change will also decrease instances where Sub Branches seek consent after completing a transaction. Entering into a property transaction without obtaining RSL Queensland's

consent puts a Sub Branch in breach of its Constitution, and the Board is of the view that it is not appropriate to grant consent retrospectively.

Sub Branch Constitution amendments

We are beginning to see many Sub Branches update their Constitutions to align with the 2024 Model Sub Branch Constitution. While most amendments can be approved by the State Council of District Presidents, those that exceed the Council's authority are submitted to the Board for approval. These typically involve changes that are not in line with the 2024 Model Sub Branch Constitution.

It is important to note that an amendment diverging from the 2024 Model Sub Branch Constitution does not automatically disqualify it from approval. However, the Board is of the view that it is not appropriate to approve changes, especially changes to the Objects clause, that are inconsistent with the Objects of the League.

Phillip Luzzi

District President

The Last Post

Membership ID	First Name	Last Name	Owner	Last Financial Year	Deceased Status	Deceased Date
2404131	Arthur	Lawrence	Clermont Sub Branch Inc.	SM2024	Confirmed	25/07/2024
1035482	Barry	Cox	Emu Park Sub Branch Inc.	SMLIFE	Confirmed	28/10/2024

Office Closure over Christmas

The **RSL CQ DISTRICT OFFICE** is closed:

Wednesday 18th December 2024

TO

Monday 13th January 2025

We apologise for any inconvenience.

If you have an urgent enquiry, please call 0432 124 514
and leave a message and your call will be returned
ASAP.

The **RSL ADVOCATES OFFICE** is also closed:

Friday 21st December 2024

TO

Monday 6th January 2025

If you have an urgent enquiry, please call the below

RSL Qld Branch on 134 RSL (134 775)

Open Arms on 1800 011 046