

RSL CQ DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

To all District Sub Branches, welcome to the New Year and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a well-deserved break. As this is my first newsletter for 2025 there is not a lot of new information I can provide at this stage.

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 the RSL State Branch.

2. All RSL membership applications are 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 in its final stages of review.

The first draft was presented to SCDP on the 28th November and was rejected as minor changes needed to be addressed. Updates will be discussed at the SCDP on the 13th February 2025.

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. Further updates may be available at the SCDP meeting on the 13th February 2025.

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. Sub Branch Governance Manual is now available on SKIP.

RSL CQ District Branch

District Council Meetings for 2025

15/03/2025 RSL Marian Sub Branch,

17/05/2025 RSL Gracemere & District Sub Branch

19/07/2025 RSL Mirani Sub Branch

20/09/2025 RSL Rockhampton District & Sub Branch

22/11/2025 RSL Gemfields Sub Branch

District Executive Meetings for 2025

22/02/2025, 10/02/2025, 16/04/2025, 25/06/2025, 27/08/2025, 29/10/2025

Other Matters

RSL CQ District Branch received approval from RSL QLD Board on the 12th December 2024 supporting the application under 5.2 to become the Trustees of the RSL Springsure Sub Branch. I am still waiting for the Department of Resources to finalise the transfer of RSL Springsure Sub Branch Trustees to RSL CQ District Branch as the Trustee.

The district has now received eight proposed model constitutions back which have been forwarded to the SCDP for approval. Once you have received your approval back from RSL QLD League Services, forward a copy to the Department of Fair Trading and pay the required fee.

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.

RSL Gracemere & District Sub Branch held their Christmas Party on the 7th December at the Gracemere Tavern.

It was well attended, and the executive and their volunteers done a wonderful job.



The RSL Marian Sub Branch held their Christmas BBQ on 15th December at their Memorial Hall.

Mr Robert Murry was presented with his Life Membership and Gold Badge for his exceptional service to the League.

Sharon Price (Vice President, RSL CQ District Branch) presented a Hamper donated by QCWA to Brian Lansdowne



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Australia Day Awards

Barb Farren-Price was presented with her award for her commitment to the RSL St Helen's Sub Branch. The District President mentioned how proud the Sub Branch must be of her presentation at the 2024 RSLQ State AGM and that through Barb's work ethic she has moved the Sub Branch forward with new members and putting the Sub Branch on the map.



Barry Vains OAM was presented his Australia Day Award at the recent District Board meeting. Barry was nominated by the RSLQ State Executive to which they wrote:

"Barry Vains OAM has been nominated for his exceptional service and contribution to RSL Central Queensland District. His dedication, commitment, and professionalism have significantly enhanced the scope, capacity, and research of RSL Queensland's awards process, ensuring that Central Queensland District members receive well-deserved recognition for their outstanding contributions. Barry consistently performs his duties with diligence and leadership, embodying the core values and spirit of the RSL."



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 = \$116.00

Hearing = \$1250.00

Optical = \$0

TOTAL = \$1366.00

Emergency Welfare Spending

TOTAL SPENDING YTD = \$0

Sub-Branch Support Program

This program is currently under review and will be discussed at the District Executive Meeting this month for ratification of the new guidelines.

TOTAL YTD = \$0

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 = 0

New = 1

Upgrade = 0

Total expenditure = \$547.00

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.

District Board Profile for February

Robert Clelland

District Treasurer

Service

Rob did National Service from January 1972 – July 1973.

He has also been a 2nd Lieutenant in the cadets for 3 years.

Sub Branch

Rob is a member of the Emu Park Sub Branch and is also the Treasurer of the Sub Branch.



Sub Branch portfolios

Gracemere, Rockhampton and Yeppoon

Why did you become a RSL member?

I worked with Barry Vains OAM at The Rockhampton Grammar School, and I was driving past and saw him outside the Emu Park Sub Branch. I stopped to say hello and he encouraged me to join.

What are our greatest strengths as Sub Branches?

Veteran Welfare and Community spirit.

What are the greatest challenges faced by Sub Branches?

Getting younger veterans interested and to volunteer.

What do you enjoy most about being on the Central Queensland District Board?

I relate to other Sub Branch struggles and then trying to find a solution to assist. It's also great to hear how other Sub Branches operate and help veterans in their communities with welfare.

Interests/ Hobbies

I still enjoy Architectural Drafting and Design. I like watching and supporting the Matildas. I also am a Dolphins and Cowboys supporter. My main sport was A Grade Squash for 20 years.

Family

I have 1 son who has 2 children (my grandkids). They are 11years and 9 years old.

Something people may not know about you

I lived in London for 4 years. I was also a courier driver for 4 years around England, Scandinavia, Europe and the Soviet Union. I also camped next to the Berlin Wall before it was pulled down.

Phillip Luzzi

District President

Wellbeing Advocate

RSL CQ District Branch

The Last Post

Membershi p ID	First Name	Last Name	Owner	Last Financial Year	Deceased Status	Deceased Date
2486372	Norman	Waterson	Farleigh & Northern	SM2024	Confirmed	7/12/2024
1543130	John	Giltrow	Mackay Sub Branch Inc.	SMLIFE	Confirmed	17/06/2022
1009570	Stephen	Hutchings	Mackay Sub Branch Inc.	SMLIFE	Confirmed	24/01/2025
1022688	Alan	Thompson	Rockhampton Sub Branch	SM2021	Unconfirmed	
2445316	Lawrence	Pagett	Rockhampton Sub Branch	SMLIFE	Confirmed	30/11/2024
1155663	Graham	Swadling	Rockhampton Sub Branch	SMLIFE	Confirmed	13/12/2024
2481985	James	Collison	Rockhampton Sub Branch	SM2025	Confirmed	5/01/2025
2485025	Graham	Guth	Rockhampton Sub Branch	SMLIFE	Confirmed	31/01/2025
1021639	Robert	Danielsen	Yeppoon Sub Branch Inc.	SMLIFE	Confirmed	5/03/2024