

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT LIMITED

COUNCIL MEETING 7th NOVEMBER 2019

MINUTES

3.00 - 6.00PM Barefoot Bowls, BBQ/Sausage Sizzle.

Bob & Maria Maher hosted tea tasting ceremony and we thank them for the experience.

135/19 CALL TO ORDER 6.00PM

136/19 SILENCE TRIBUTE/ODE – One-minute silence was observed in respect of fallen and departed comrades.

137/19 HOUSEKEEPING: Wendy Taylor, District President detailed to those present where the facilities and exits were situated. Announcement regarding Merv Clark MBE OAM's funeral Friday November 15th 10.30am.

138/19 WELCOME – Wendy Taylor, District President extended a welcome to the Councillors, new Councillors and Visitors in attendance.

139/19 PRESENT

a. Executive: Wendy Taylor, District President; Judith Munday OAM, Treasurer; Judy Alterator, Secretary; Stephen Dacey, Senior VP; Stephen Monteath, VP; Peter Murray, VP; Bob Maher, VP.

b. Councillors:

BAYSIDE SOUTH
BEAUDESERT
BEERWAH AND DISTRICT
BULIMBA DISTRICT
CITY NEW FARM
COORPAROO
DARRA
FOREST LAKE
GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY
GREENBANK
HOLLAND PK MT GRAVATT
MANLY LOTA
NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S
NERANG

Herb Shapcott
Jon Forbe-Smith
Libby Brown
Brian Daley OAM
Stephen Dacey
Dennis Collyer
Ted Fotek
Stuart Bradley
Wendy Siebrecht
George Royes
Michael Weibler
Peter Beauchamp
Mark Cash
David Barnicoat

PALMWOODS & DISTRICT
REDLANDS
RUSSELL ISLAND
SALISBURY
SPRINGWOOD TRI SERVICES
SUNNYBANK
TOOWONG
TRAMWAYS
WYNNUM
YERONGA DUTTON PARK

Peter Murray
Alan Harcourt
Chris Christmas
Tony Stevenson
Michael Rosser
Hugh Polson
Mike Muirhead
Grahame Fullerton
Allen Scott
David Mawby

140/19 VISITORS – John Strachan OAM / RSL State Branch; Judy Strachan; Harry Claassen / Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch; Stu Seabrook / Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch; Gea Beurskens / Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch; Jan Beurskens / Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch; Alex Garlin / Salisbury RSL Sub Branch; Gordon Tunstall / National Servicemen's RSL Sub Branch; Ian Gray / Redlands RSL Sub Branch; Esther Gray; Linda Harcourt / Redlands RSL Sub Branch; Merv Cuylenburg / Coorparoo RSL Sub Branch; Chris Bumstead / Coorparoo RSL Sub Branch; Dave Simmons Springwood Tri Service RSL Sub Branch; Gary Sargent / Springwood Tri Service RSL Sub Branch; Steve Cook / Nerang RSL Sub Branch; Maria Maher / Logan Village.

141/19 APOLOGIES – Kerry Gallagher AM / Toowong RSL Sub Branch; George Churchward / Forest Lake RSL Sub Branch; Peter Kinsella / Manly Lota RSL Sub Branch; Ross Wiseman / Yeronga Dutton Park Sub Branch; Garry Alterator OAM / Logan Village RSL Sub Branch

Moved: Salisbury
"That the apologies be noted."

Seconded: Coorparoo
CARRIED

142/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 3rd October Meeting

Moved: Darra
"That the Minutes of 3rd October 2019 be taken as read."

Seconded: Redlands
CARRIED

143/19 BUSINESS ARISING

1. Anti-virus software, item 132/19 (4) raised by Forest Lake. DP to present information at RSLQLD next DP meeting.

144/19 CORRESPONDENCE – Inwards and Outwards

1. COF applications assessed by SED Board
2. 30-year Long Service Certificates received

Query from Forest Lake asking for clarification on rent cheque from City/New Farm Sub Branch for upstairs rent on office space

Moved: J. Alterator
"That the Reports be accepted"

Seconded: Tramways
CARRIED

145/19 TREASURER'S REPORT – This month's Profit & Loss budget analysis provided. Invested finances doing well, at the end of Sept SED was receiving 8.79% on investments. Recommendation to increase the Growth investments, currently 50/50 split on Growth & Defence. Budget is only a guide but a few targets have been missed, this will be highlighted to the bookkeeper. Preparing a 2020 budget for the Board in November. Feedback from Sub Branches requested for the split on the investments.

SED SOLVENCY STATEMENT

"That in the Management Committee's opinion, the Returned and Services League of Australia South Eastern District Ltd is solvent and there are reasonable grounds to believe that it will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable".

Moved: Judith Munday OAM
"That the Treasurer's report be accepted."

Seconded: Nerang
CARRIED

146/19 NOTICE OF MOTION – From Greenbank RSL Sub Branch

That SED seek from State Branch

1. Advice on what is being done by RSL in QLD and nationally in relation to the Productivity Commission Report into Compensation and Rehabilitation for Veterans which was presented to Government on 27 June 2019 and released to the public on 4 July 2019; and
2. Advice as to whether Sub-Branches and Ordinary Members will be given the opportunity to contribute to the RSL submission

The District President discussed and recommended that Sub Branches read and discuss the Productivity Commission report. The member who raised this, doesn't believe that RSL nationally has done enough for the response given in relation to what the Productivity Commission should have done. The issue was taken to RSLQLD from SED previously and the QLD State President also raised it Nationally. Kel Ryan raised a submission as part of DWFA which the National President was to respond to. Final report available online, with public hearings were held in February 2019, 314 submissions were made. The report has been finalised and is waiting on Government to act, potential to lobby your local MP.



147/19 REPORTS

- a. **RSL SED Advocacy & Welfare** – Approached by a Clinical Psychologist to use office space at Manly Lota Sub Branch, currently in negotiations.
Still waiting on payment from the Best Grant.
- b. **District Advocate** – No update from Greenslopes, still working with the current group. View to operate as RSL SED Wellbeing Hub – Greenslopes. Sub branches are responsible for the advice of their Advocates so it's important to ensure that Advocates hold the ATDP qualifications. Suggestion from Sunnybank to invite the General Manager of Operations to SED DCM in the NY.
- c. **District Welfare** – Report submitted, Infantry Special Forces Volunteer Support Group aged 26-52yrs based at Logan very enthusiastic and an asset. Wellbeing Support Officers course to be held by RSLQLD at Sunnybank, Nov 19 & 20 – 5th course this year.
- d. **Sub Branch Updates** – Greenbank & City New Farm
- e. **Membership** – Error with the MMS report, to be followed up with T & I at RSLQLD

Moved: Wynnum
"That the Reports be accepted"

Seconded: Bulimba
CARRIED

148/19 GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. **District President** –
 - (1) **Purchase of the Wellbeing Hub at Logan** – SED will be withdrawing \$200,000 for the purchase of the Wellbeing Hub for the asset worth almost \$900,000.
 - (2) **Aging membership in certain SED sub branches** – look at ways to engage with younger veterans. In 2020 SED will have a membership tent at the 2020 ANZAC Day Parade, SED Board initiative.
 - (3) **Guidelines for COF** – a reminder that submissions for the Charitable Objects Fund need to fit within the guidelines and that Sub Branches can also provide and financially support their own welfare events.
 - (4) **Office Closure** – SED will be closed from COB Friday 20th December 2019 to Monday January 6th 2020.
 - (5) **AGM Nomination forms** – We are currently redoing SED's Constitution, the previous Constitution stated that each Board member would only serve a 1 year term. At the last AGM it was decided that it would be changed to a 3 year rotation but this change is still being processed, if it's not changed by March all Board members will be up for re-election. If changed before the AGM in March the only 3 positions up for election are the DP and the 2 VP's that were appointed, Kerry Gallagher AM and Steve Dacey.
- b. **Sub Branch Activity Report** – request for these reports to be returned by each Sub Branch as it's vital for the effective restructuring of SED, Bob Maher.
- c. **Veterans Card & Covenant** – Apply through DVA for the Discount card, lapel pin & Covenant. No official list of contributing businesses yet (although the APOD list is

available). Applications are to be made online for eligible Defence Service Personnel, Stephen Dacey.

- d. **Greenslopes Advocacy location** – Lacking signage and difficult to locate. There have been discussions with the CEO, Salisbury.
- e. **Pocket Diaries 2020** – RSLQLD is providing the same order of Pocket Diaries that was made by Sub Branches in 2019. These will be available this month and will be communicated when they arrive, Yeronga Dutton Park.
- f. **Recognising Delegates** – Sub branches are required to nominate their Primary Delegate at their AGM and also in the case of absence or illness note the Secondary Delegate, Coorparoo.
- g. **Article in RSL Runner** – When is an RSL NOT and RSL, explains the difference between a licensed club and a Sub Branch, Springwood.
- h. **Funeral Poppy Service** – Funeral Celebrant recommended to the widow that the RSL not do the Poppy Service and conducted it with mistakes. Request to make a complaint, DP suggested a letter to the Board of registered celebrants, Sunnybank.
- i. **Memberships renewal** – Membership renewal is open from December 1st – February 28th, suggestion for Sub Branch to make payment for members during this time and then collect fees from members, Coorparoo.
- j. **Christmas Drinks** – Christmas drinks & nibbles at approximately 5.30pm following next month's meeting.

149/19 NEXT MEETING - Next Meeting 5th December 2019 commencing at 6:00pm

150/19 CLOSURE – There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35 PM



Wendy Taylor
District President



Judy Alterator
Company Board Secretary