

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT LIMITED

COUNCIL MEETING 5th SEPTEMBER 2019

MINUTES

6:00PM Tony Ferris, State President addressed the meeting and took questions including the proposed new Constitution then introduced the new CEO, Melanie Wilson who spoke of strengthening the connection between State, Sub Branches and the veterans and their families through a focus on customer, culture and accountability.

104/19 CALL TO ORDER 6.35PM

105/19 SILENCE TRIBUTE/ODE – One-minute silence was observed in respect of fallen and departed comrades.

106/19 HOUSEKEEPING: Wendy Taylor, District President detailed to those present where the facilities and exits were situated.

107/19 WELCOME – Wendy Taylor, District President extended a welcome to the Councillors, new Councillors and Visitors in attendance.

108/19 PRESENT

a. Executive: Wendy Taylor, District President; Judith Munday OAM, Treasurer; Judy Alterator, Secretary; Stephen Monteath, Peter Murray, Bob Maher, Kerry Gallagher AM

b. Councillors:

BAYSIDE SOUTH
BEAUDESERT
BEERWAH AND DISTRICT
BULIMBA DISTRICT
COORPAROO
DARRA
EX-SERVICE WOMENS
FOREST LAKE
GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY
HOLLAND PK MT GRAVATT
MANLY LOTA
NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S
NERANG
PALMWOODS & DISTRICT
REDLANDS

Herb Shapcott
Jon Forbe-Smith
Libby Brown
Brian Daley OAM
Dennis Collyer
Ted Fotek
Madeline Ruffin
George Churchward
Wendy Siebrecht
Michael Weibler
Peter Kinsella
Mark Cash
Steve Cook
Peter Murray
Alan Harcourt

SALISBURY
SPRINGWOOD TRI SERVICES
SUNNYBANK
TRAMWAYS
WYNNUM
YERONGA DUTTON PARK

Alex Garlin
Michael Rosser
Hugh Polson
Grahame Fullerton
Allen Scott
Paul Woods

109/19 VISITORS – Tony Ferris / RSL QLD State Branch; Melanie Wilson / RSL QLD State Branch; Harry Claassen / Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch; Brian Laing / Bulimba RSL Sub Branch; Gary Sargent / Springwood Tri Services RSL Sub Branch; Peter Beauchamp / District Advocate; Dave Simmons / Springwood Tri Services RSL Sub Branch; Ian Gray / Redlands RSL Sub Branch; Linda Harcourt / Redlands RSL Sub Branch; Maria Maher / Logan Village.

110/19 APOLOGIES – Mike Muirhead / Toowong; John Robinson OAM / Senior Vice President; Paul Prince / Ashgrove; Ross Wiseman / Yeronga-Dutton Park; Ken Cook / Ashgrove; Kevin Brown / Russell Island; George Royes / Greenbank; David Barnicoat / Nerang; Tony Stevenson / Salisbury; Garry Alterator OAM / Logan Village; Stephen Dacey/ City New Farm;

Moved: Salisbury
"That the apologies be noted."

Seconded: Bulimba
CARRIED

111/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 1st August Meeting

Moved: Darra
"That the Minutes of 1st August 2019 be taken as read."

Seconded: Redlands
CARRIED

112/19 BUSINESS ARISING

1. Greenbank RSL Sub Branch letter requesting an update on the flow of communication between SED and State. DP to address concerns in a reply to individual & sub branch. SED Board have currently been concerned with the closing Logan & District sub branch and opening of a new Greater Springfield sub branch.
2. Robert Maher is not currently recorded as a Board Member on the sign on document for DCM
3. Confirmation of the name of the new sub branch, Greater Springfield. Boundaries fall into SED after Moreton District failed to assist
4. 101/19 i) confirmation that State will be producing the trays for Silent Sellers
5. 101/19 g) Update – Hugh Polson has briefed three levels of Govt, waiting on feedback. Graham Kirk also briefing the Minister for VA. More details will be reported when available.

6. 101/19 c) Copies of Constitutions, list read of required sub branches.

113/19 CORRESPONDENCE – Inwards and Outwards

1. Letter from Greenbank RSL sub branch re communication flow
2. 2020 Budget from Bulimba RSL sub branch
3. Thank you letter from Cadets
4. Greenbank provided list of WWII veterans as requested, reminder for those to be sent
5. Various membership applications
6. Russell Island Board changed

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

Seconded: Tramways
CARRIED

- 114/19 TREASURER'S REPORT – Cheques for donations to Cadets have been presented, a reminder that they need to be presented in a timely manner. ANZAC Day 2019 financial finished. Rentals up to date. Stamp duty currently listed in April 2019, may be an error. Outstanding acquittals from March – National Servicemen's, Toowong & Salisbury

Moved: Judith Munday OAM

Seconded: Coorparoo
CARRIED

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

115/19 MOTION OF NOTICE – NIL

116/19 REPORTS

- a. **RSL SED Advocacy & Welfare** - Nil
- b. **District Advocate** – information on the Commission available
- c. **District Welfare** – Sub branch welfare report format examples provided were too complex. Previous example provided was much more basic and acceptable. WSO course available for minimum 10 attendees.
- d. **Sub Branch Updates** -
 - (1) Greenbank – Report tabled
 - (2) Glasshouse Country – Report tabled
- e. **Membership** – 73% over 65 years of age

Moved: Wynnum
"That the Reports be accepted"

Seconded: Forest Lake
CARRIED

117/19 GENERAL BUSINESS

a. **District President –**

- (1) **Logan & District sub branch closure** – SED working with the incumbent. Valuation on property \$825-\$875,000 and debt just under \$170,000. SED to purchase the property as a services and wellbeing Hub by way of transfer of ownership which will then make it an asset for SED – still in legal negotiations on this. A reminder to all sub branches to report accurately on financials and that responsibility lies with the ~~President~~ **All Directors** for 7 years following retirement from the position.

- (2) **Letter of Authority** – each sub branch should provide a Letter of Authority to their Advocate. ADTP legally required.

- (3) **Greenslopes Advocates** – if they are members of your sub branches you are responsible for those Advocates

- (4) **SED Meeting Strategic Plan** – waiting on the redevelopment committee recommendations for next door and leasing agreements from BCC

- b. **Sub Branch Constitutions** – If you are advised that a copy of your constitution is not on the SED file please forward asap.

- c. **Remembrance Day pins** – Theme Battle for Australia, Sub Branches need to advise order numbers for the 4 new pins (order equal numbers of each). Cost \$2.20, retail \$5.00. Some old stock also available and selling for \$1 each. Information to be emailed in the next few days and distributed by DS.

- d. **October Delegates Meeting** – Decision Making/Leadership presentation followed by a BBQ.

- e. **November Delegates Meeting** – Veterans Health Week – Barefoot Bowls followed by BBQ.

- f. **EGM email** – confirming the email/runner has been received by all Sub Branches regarding the EGM, if not please advise the DS and we can resend.

- g. **SKIP registration** – Reminder to complete the SKIP (Sub branch knowledge & Information Portal) electronic registration

- h. **3 Seasons** – Book available from The Military Shop, information sent out by Judy Alterator requested to be sent again.

- i. **Beerwah & Districts name change** – Libby enquired as to where the process was up to with regards the name change etc. Documents had been delayed during changeover of DS. DP requested follow up asap.

- j. **Ex Servicewoman's name change** – Enquiry as to where the process was up to with regards to the name change.

- k. **ANZAC Square refurb recommendation** – worth visiting the new and improved ANZAC Square, especially the wall that mentions all the ~~men~~ **towns A** from QLD towns, some of which no longer exist. **where servicemen + women in**

- l. **Eternal Flame** – torch on plaque with recording of the Ode, for sale through Sunnybank RSL subbranch \$594.00 including GST & shipping. **gld came from**

118/19 NEXT MEETING - Next Meeting 3rd October 2019 commencing at 6:00pm, presentation on Leadership and sausage sizzle starting at 5:00PM

119/19 CLOSURE – There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm.



Wendy Taylor
District President



Judy Alterator
Company Board Secretary

