

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT LIMITED

COUNCIL MEETING 1st AUGUST 2019

MINUTES

6:00pm Prior to meeting Jenny Brock and Danielle Dunsmore RSL Queensland delivered a presentation on the Sub Branch Knowledge Information Portal that will be rolled out December 2019. Requests would be emailed to sub branches re training and personnel to be allocated access prior to October 19.

87/19 CALL TO ORDER 6.30PM

88/19 SILENCE – One-minute silence was observed in respect of fallen and departed comrades.

89/19 HOUSEKEEPING: Wendy Taylor, District President detailed to those present where the facilities and exits were situated.

90/19 WELCOME – Wendy Taylor, District President extended a welcome to the Councillors, new Councillors and Visitors in attendance.

91/19 PRESENT

a. Executive: Wendy Taylor, District President; John Robinson OAM, Senior Vice President; Judy Alterator, Secretary; Stephen Monteath, Peter Murray.

b. Councillors:

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

Ken Cook
Herb Shapcott
Jon Forbe-Smith
Libby Brown
Brian Laing
Susan Kellett
Dennis Collyer
Ted Fotek
George Churchward
Dave Siebrecht
George Royes
Michael Weibler
John Robinson OAM
Peter Kinsella
Mark Cash
David Barnicoat
Peter Murray

REDLANDS
SALISBURY
SPRINGWOOD TRI SERVICES
SUNNYBANK
TOOWONG
TRAMWAYS
YERONGA DUTTON PARK

Alan Harcourt
Tony Stevenson
M. Roger
Hugh Polson
Mike Muirhead
Grahame Fullerton
Ross Wiseman AM

92/19 VISITORS – Harry Claassen / Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch; Paul Woods / Yeronga Dutton Park; Alex Garlin / Salisbury RSL Sub Branch; Gordon Tunstall / National Servicemen; Ian Gray / Redlands; Marion Smith/Toowoong RSL Sub Branch; Steve Cook/Nerang RSL Sub Branch; Maria Maher/Beaudesert

93/19 APOLOGIES – Judith Munday OAM, District Treasurer; Ann Martin / Defence Service Nurses; Madeline Ruffin / Ex Servicewomen; Garry Alterator OAM / Logan Village; Peter Beauchamp OAM/ District Advocate; Stephen Dacey/ City New Farm; Allen Scott/ Wynnum;

Moved: Salisbury
“That the apologies be noted.”

Seconded: Toowong
CARRIED

94/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4th July 2019 Meeting

Moved: Darra
“That the Minutes of 4th July 2019 be taken as read.”

Seconded: Ashgrove
CARRIED

95/19 BUSINESS ARISING –

1. 84/19 b. Constitutions on SED files - Sub Branch files yet to be checked and those that don't have one on file will be contacted. If your constitution is dated early 2000 then it would behove it to be updated. Model Constitutions on the website site for use by Sub Branches and can be modified if required.
2. Sunnybank asked that an Action Plan be compiled to accompany the minutes which at present just report comments, whereas the Action Plan defines the task to be completed by eg Sub Branch Constitutions on file.
3. 84/19 g. Beerwah & District delegate apologised for not onforwarding the email regarding the Better Boards Governance, free newsletter and if you have a question relating to your board ask the question, they do the research and provide the answer.

96/19 CORRESPONDENCE – Inwards and Outwards - Nil

Salisbury advised they had sent both electronic and a hard copy claim for Alex Garlin and Board Secretary advised she had not seen it but will check with the Finance Officer and get back to him.

97/19 BUSINESS ARISING –

Bulimba queried when Taxi Fares for State AGM maybe processed and the District President advised as soon as possible.

98/19 TREASURER'S REPORT – In the absence of the Treasurer the Senior Vice President asked were there any questions and as there was none it was moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted as tabled.

Moved: John Robinson OAM

Seconded: Tramways
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 when they become due and payable”.

Moved: J. Robinson OAM

“That the Treasurer’s report be accepted.

Seconded: Toowong
CARRIED

99/19 MOTION OF NOTICE

RSL Qld conducts a postal/electronic vote to have the Draft Constitution 2019 voted on as soon as possible.

Moved: Beerwah & Districts
YES 20 NO 6

Seconded: City New Farm
CARRIED

100/19 REPORTS

- a. **RSL SED Advocacy & Welfare**- Nil
- b. **District Advocate** – apologies
- c. **District Welfare** – District Welfare Officer thanked the Salisbury President and Vice President, and Mr and Mrs Allan Harcourt for their excellent support and service during the Welfare courses and once Kilcoy completed on the 7 and 8 August 55 people will have attended the training. Would the delegates please collect the forms at the back of the room and give to their advocates to complete quarterly whilst information is fresh as opposed to trying to remember at the end of the year.
- d. **Sub Branch Updates** -
 - (1) Greenbank – Report tabled
 - (2) Defence Nurses – Report tabled
- e. **Membership** – 73% over 65 years of age

Moved: Nerang
“That the Reports be accepted”

Seconded: Bulimba
CARRIED



101/19 GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. **SED Strategic Planning Committee** – Deferred till SED Board Meeting 27th August for presentation to the delegates meeting on the 5th September. The District President brought the Delegates up to date on the progress of the lease and where it is at and due to an issue at council it now won't be presented till Dec 19.
- b. **WSO Training** – 7th and 8th August at Kilcoy. If you need to check if you are on the list please contact Emma Brown at RSL Queensland on 07 32302462. Morning Tea and Lunch provided both days.
- c. **Sub Branch Constitutions** – If you are advised that a copy of your constitution is not on the SED file please forward asap.
- d. **October Delegates Meeting** – Decision Making synopsis followed by a BBQ.
- e. **November Delegates Meeting** – Veterans Health Week – Barefoot Bowls followed by BBQ.
- f. **District President -**
 - (1) Logan & District Sub Branch Inc - The District President advised the delegates that Logan & District Sub Branch Inc closed as of 28th July 2019 and went into detail as to what the proposal is. They have a debt of \$125,000.00 approx and the Board of SED has approached RSL Queensland seeking approval to purchase the properties and with the restoration of the sub branch building (house) turn it into a Welfare Hub and Drop- In Centre for the ex-members of the Logan & District Sub Branch Inc and members of the Community welfare hub. Delegates will be kept informed as decisions are made if not before the next meeting on the 5th September.
 - (2) Wacol Building – being considered for a Welfare Hub to encompass the community surrounding that area. Delegates showed their support to the District President for the initiative being shown for the future and survival of some of the smaller Sub Branches during tough times ahead.
 - (3) District President advised that in the Board Room there is a beautiful cabinet containing silverware which has been donated by the Sir Raymond Huish estate so please don't put anything on it.
 - (4) President advised that the new uniforms are available at Lowes.
 - (5) District President spoke about the Live life alarms which can be used inside and outside the home with the five emergency numbers being able to be programmed into them. There are brochures at the back of the room for information and perusal.
- g. **WW2** - RSL Queensland not interested but irrespective of what they have said SED intends to proceed with the function albeit a scaled down version. Hugh Polson to chair the committee and if anyone would like to assist please contact Hugh. The venue will be The Riverside Centre where the Americans were housed. Hugh seeking government support which will determine the size of the event. Catering with finger food 2,000 people but a sit -down meal for 700 to 1000 people is more what is wanted. Table allocated to levels of government who assisted with support, 8-10 tables WW2 veterans and their support persons, veterans then general public.

Sub Branches to let the Board Secretary know how many WW2 veterans in their Sub Branches. Well done to those Sub Branches who are holding luncheons for WW2 veterans.

h. **SED Projects** - Dr Bob Maher – **Welfare/Wellbeing Hub's** being implemented to take the strain off the smaller Sub Branches due to reduced numbers. Sub Branch data required to be completed over the next three months to support the information required to set up the hubs. **Medical Trust for Defence Families** in need of urgent medical treatment but Sub Branch 100% support is required in order to proceed. Sub Branch support not money just marketing support so please have your Sub Branch support the cause and return the forms to the SED as soon as possible.

i. **Silent Sellers** – Manly Lota advised that they have placed them into shops and the public can buy badges from them. State don't have any of the \$5 badges in stock but will look at reproducing them later.

j. **City new farm** - addressed the letter the sub branch sent to the District President on the issue of Younger Veterans Suicide royal commission and the media release put out by the DVA Minister that week. Wendy conveyed that she had read the letter at State RSL Board meeting, issue had been discussed there. Beerwah & District said that the Media Release was retracted the day it was issued and a new one released. SED was going to sign up to receive the DVA Minister Media Releases but due to the transition of District Secretary it has slipped through the cracks. Beerwah & Districts will forward all Media Releases to the District President in the interim. Bad press coverage is nothing new and the Minister was approached by Beerwah & Districts at the State AGM and issue of Suicide was discussed. It was the Ministers opinion that it would be better to spend money directly on workable programs than the government approve a Royal Commission that could cost up to \$35 Million dollars with just pages of recommendations not programs in place.

k. **Sunnybank** – updated the delegates as to the closure of the RSL Shop and being asked to produce badges for sale for Remembrance Day. Hugh seeking interest as to if produced would the Sub Branches be interested in purchasing a badge set based on theme to be decided with 4-6 in each set.

102/19 **NEXT MEETING** - Next Meeting 3rd October 2019 commencing at 6:00pm.

103/19 **CLOSURE** – There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.43pm.



Wendy Taylor
District President



Judy Alterator
Company Board Secretary