

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT LIMITED

COUNCIL MEETING 5th DECEMBER 2019

MINUTES

5.30 - 6.00PM Christmas drinks and nibbles

151/19 CALL TO ORDER 6.02PM

152/19 HOUSEKEEPING: Judy Alterator, Board Secretary detailed to those present where the facilities and exits were situated.

153/19 SILENCE TRIBUTE/ODE – One-minute silence was observed in respect of fallen and departed comrades.

154/19 WELCOME – Judy Alterator, Board Secretary extended a welcome to Councillors, new Councillors and Visitors in attendance. Special mention to Doug Egan and the newly formed Greater Springfield sub branch, welcome to SED.

155/19 PRESENT

a. Executive: Judith Munday OAM, Treasurer; Judy Alterator, Board Secretary; Kerry Gallagher AM, Vice President

b. Councillors:

BAYSIDE SOUTH
BEAUDESERT
BEERWAH AND DISTRICT
BULIMBA DISTRICT
CITY NEW FARM
COORPAROO
DARRA
DEFENCE SERVICEWOMEN'S
FOREST LAKE
GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY
GREATER SPRINGFIELD
GREENBANK
MANLY LOTA
NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S
PALMWOODS & DISTRICT
REDLANDS
SALISBURY

Herb Shapcott
Jon Forbe-Smith
Libby Brown
Brian Daley OAM
Sue Kellett
Dennis Collyer
Ted Fotek
Eve Radford
George Churchward
Wendy Siebrecht
Doug Egan
George Royes
Peter Kinsella
Mark Cash
Peter Murray
Alan Harcourt
Tony Stevenson

SUNNYBANK
TOOWONG
TRAMWAYS
WYNNUM
YERONGA DUTTON PARK

Hugh Polson
Mike Muirhead
Grahame Fullerton
Allen Scott
Ross Wiseman

156/19 VISITORS – Peter Beauchamp / Manly Lota RSL Sub Branch; Harry Claassen / Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch; Alex Garlin / Salisbury RSL Sub Branch; Gordon Tunstall / National Servicemen's RSL Sub Branch; Ian Gray / Redlands RSL Sub Branch; Linda Harcourt / Redlands RSL Sub Branch; Brian Laing / Bulimba RSL Sub Branch; Dave Siebriecht / Glasshouse Country RSL Sub Branch; Geoff Chapman / Tramways RSL Sub Branch; Richard Smith / Bayside South RSL Sub Branch; John Pascoe / Bayside South RSL Sub Branch; Eric Cavanagh / Greenbank RSL Sub Branch

157/19 APOLOGIES – Wendy Taylor / SED President; Stephen Dacey / Senior Vice President; Bob Maher / Vice President; Steve Monteath / Vice President; Michael Weibler / Holland Park Mt Gravatt RSL Sub Branch; David Barnicoat / Nerang RSL Sub Branch; Stephen Cook / Nerang RSL Sub Branch; Chris Christmas / Russell Island RSL Sub Branch; Garry Alterator OAM / Logan Village RSL Sub Branch

Moved: Salisbury
"That the Apologies be noted."

Seconded: Wynnum
CARRIED

158/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 7th November Meeting

Moved: Darra
"That the Minutes of 7th November 2019 be taken as read."

Seconded: Glasshouse
CARRIED

159/19 BUSINESS ARISING

1. Letter received on 4th December 2019 from Greenbank read aloud and will be tabled at RSLQ on the 12th December with the original Notice of Motion received 16th September 2019.

160/19 ACTION ITEMS

1. Sunnybank are in the process of purchasing the Adobe program that allows them to create typable PDF forms and will advise once complete. "Connecting up" is a charitable organisation that provides information technology at reasonable prices, if needed.
2. Expression of Interest on numbers interested in attending WW2 75th Anniversary celebration – email reminder to be sent again.
3. Request to State for Anti-virus was presented but has had no response as yet.
4. The Sub Branch Activity Form collates the same details as required for the Annual Information statement – email reminder to be resent.

5. Signatures collected to request that the Pocket Diaries that continue to be produced.
6. Clarification on costs for AGM: the Primary delegate must be offline/ill prior to the start date of Congress/AGM for the Secondary delegates costs to be covered. Should the sub branch give up the spouse's invite to attend and both delegates decide to attend then they can avoid the accommodation cost by sharing (twin beds). The Secondary delegate* will only need to cover the cost of the meals.
*Comments from Salisbury for State/SED to cover the cost of the Secondary delegates Breakfast & Lunch. To be raised with the President.

161/19 CORRESPONDENCE – Inwards and Outwards

Discussion on the format of the correspondence, request made from Greenbank to asterisk important correspondence.

1. 30-year certificates now approved and will be available once State approves
2. Centrelink pharmaceuticals payment explained – non-liability white card will cover pharmaceuticals \$9.90 a fortnight, the liability white card will remain the same. Concerns around certain circumstances raised by Beerwah, Board Secretary to follow up.
3. SED Board nomination forms due to be submitted by 20 December 2019
4. 2025 Strategy information – details circulated
5. Care Packages – managing distribution by sending packages from families first. The request is to redirect parcels to other QLD care organisations instead of Defence.

Moved: J. Alterator

“That the Report be accepted”

Seconded: Tramways

CARRIED

162/19 TREASURER'S REPORT – Totals column missing on handout. Current balance \$98,858.61 in Westpac account. Cheque banked \$17,484 from ANZAC Day Trust, bills are all up to date.

Thank you for the replies regarding the changes to the investments. One sub branch President strongly disagreed with the process used to obtain the feedback so a proposal was moved to raise this topic at the SED AGM in March before making any changes. SED has had to cover the costs from Logan & Districts to buy out contracts for photocopy equipment.

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: Manly-Lota

CARRIED

163/19 REPORTS

- a. **RSL SED Advocacy & Welfare** – No report from Greenslopes KPU
- b. **District Advocate** – Nothing to report
- c. **District Welfare** – Report submitted
- d. **Sub Branch Updates** – Greenbank & Redland Welfare report (The Bugle)
- e. **Membership** – 74% over 65 years of age
Logan & District members are transferring to other Sub Branches very slowly.

Moved: Greenbank
"That the Reports be accepted"

Seconded: Salisbury
CARRIED

164/19 GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. **Query on the location for SED AGM** – Wynnum requested clarification that the Toowong sub branch shares its location with the Western Bulldogs District Rugby Union club.
- b. **Notice of Motion from City/New Farm** – Motion for support of a Royal Commission into Veteran Suicide read aloud by Susan Kellett of City/New Farm. Glasshouse Country spoke on a recent meeting where Andrew Wallace invited ex-veterans to speak to Darren Chester Minister for VA's. No record of the location of veterans to allocate funding correctly, however, the next CENSUS will include ex-veteran data. Only 3% of staff at DVA are ex-veterans. Toowong spoke on the lack of services provided to veteran's through inadequate allocation of funds.
- c. Reminder from Coorparoo re: Australian War Memorial update/community drop in session to be held at Coorparoo RSL SB Tuesday 10th December from 4-7pm.
- d. Sunnybank updated that Eternal Flame flyers, product available for \$475.00 initially to SED Sub Branches

165/19 NOTICE OF MOTION – From City/New Farm RSL Sub Branch

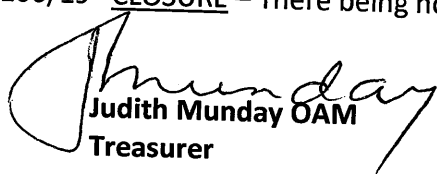
That the RSL actively uphold veteran welfare by supporting the establishment of a Royal Commission into Veteran Suicide.

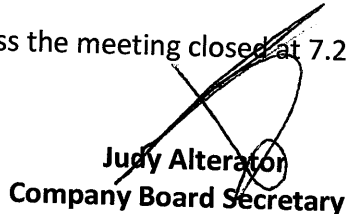
Moved: S. Kellett
"That the Motion be accepted"

Seconded: Salisbury
CARRIED

165/19 NEXT MEETING - Next Meeting 6th February 2020 commencing at 6:00pm. Message on behalf of the District President and committee thanking all the Sub Branches for their hard work this year and wishing all members and their families a safe and happy Christmas break, look forward to working with you all in 2020.

166/19 CLOSURE – There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 PM


Judith Munday OAM
Treasurer


Judy Alterator
Company Board Secretary