

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT LIMITED

COUNCIL MEETING 7th MAY 2020

M I N U T E S

Skype meeting

19/20 CALL TO ORDER 6.00PM

20/20 ROLL CALL – Hayley Bryan, District Secretary verbally confirmed attendees.

21/20 HOUSEKEEPING: N/A as all attendees were not on location at SED.

22/20 SILENCE TRIBUTE, VALE & ODE – The Vale's for March & April were read by George Royes. One-minute silence was observed in respect of fallen and departed comrades.

23/20 WELCOME - Wendy Taylor, District President extended a welcome to the Councillors, SED Board and Visitors in attendance.

24/20 PRESENT

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

b. Councillors:

ASHGROVE
BEAUDESERT
BEERWAH AND DISTRICT
BULIMBA DISTRICT
CITY NEW FARM
DARRA
DEFENCE SERVICEWOMEN'S
FOREST LAKE
GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY
GREATER SPRINGFIELD
GREENBANK
HOLLAND PARK/MT GRAVATT
JIMBOOMBA
LOGAN VILLAGE
MACLEAY ISLAND
NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S

Paul Prince
Jon Forbe-Smith
Libby Brown
Brian Daley OAM
Stephen Dacey (SED Board)
Ted Fotek
Eve Radford
George Churchward
Kevin Beasley
Doug Egan
George Royes
Michael Weibler
Bill Malkin
Garry Alterator OAM
Ron Boldy
Mark Cash

PALMWOODS & DISTRICT
REDLANDS
SALISBURY
SPRINGWOOD TRI SERVICE
SUNNYBANK
TOOWONG
TRAMWAYS
WYNNUM
YERONGA DUTTON PARK

Peter Murray (SED Board)
Alan Harcourt
Tony Stevenson
Gary Sargent
Hugh Polson
Mike Muirhead
Grahame Fullerton
Allen Scott
Paul Woods

25/20 VISITORS – Peter Beauchamp / Manly Lota RSL Sub Branch; Alex Garlin / Salisbury RSL Sub Branch; Ian Gray / Redlands RSL Sub Branch;

26/20 APOLOGIES – Herb Shapcott / Bayside South; Paul Perrier / Bardon; Peter Kinsella / Manly Lota

**Moved: Defence Servicewomen's
"That the Apologies be noted."**

**Seconded: Holland Park/Mt Gravatt
CARRIED**

27/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 6th February 2020 Meeting

**Moved: Yeronga/Dutton Park
"That the Minutes of previous meetings date be taken as read."**

**Seconded: Redlands
CARRIED**

28/20 BUSINESS ARISING – no business arising

29/20 ACTION ITEMS (taken from Action Items)

1. EOI for End of WW2 Celebration event – cancelled until further notice
2. Request to State to provide Anti-virus software – Wendy to address
3. Editable template for Sub Branch report sent to all Sub Branches - complete

30/20 CORRESPONDENCE – Inwards and Outwards for March & April

MARCH

1. AGM documentation
2. Cancellations of Sub Branch AGM's due to COVID-19
3. ANZAC Day – cancellation of marches and usual services
4. Feedback from Kenilworth re spending Grant funds
5. Changes to State Congress date
6. Extension from OFT re Sub Branches holding AGM's

Moved: Bulimba
"That the Reports be accepted"

Seconded: Greater Springfield
CARRIED

34/20 GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. **District President –**
 - (1) **Light up the Dawn** – After a successful campaign both State and Nationwide please send in your photos to the Editor of the RSL News.
 - (2) **Anti-virus for Sub Branches** – DP will take to the next DP meeting 20/05/2020 to investigate.
 - (3) **Memberships renewal** - due to COVID-19 the RSL QLD Board have decided that those members who did not renew during the renewal period can still do so without losing their continuation of service. Member details can be sent to the District Secretary or directly to Memberships.
 - (4) **VE Day cancelled** – numbers of attendance are outside the restrictions
 - (5) **Veteran Suicide Notice of Motion** – RSL National declined the request to support a Royal Commission into Veterans suicide, notice sent to City/New Farm RSL Sub branch.
 - (6) **Charitable Objectives Fund** – a reminder that applications for the COF are required at least 2 months in advance due to delays in processing. Sub Branches are encouraged to investigate what Welfare costs (other than social activities) can be assisted by the COF.
 - (7) **2019 Financial Reports** – request for copies of the Sub Branch 2019 financials, signed if audited at an AGM or unratified/draft copy if the AGM has not been held yet.
 - (8) **Honorariums** – Sub Branches should be considering Districts lead with regards to replacing Honorariums with out of pocket expenses or credit cards, eventually this wording and the use of Honorariums will be changed, if the new Constitution is accepted. Concerns from the Treasurer that costs being paid in honorariums are equal to that which is being paid in welfare, ACNC can investigate this type of activity.
 - (9) **Presentation of award** – from the AGM for the greatest number of new members to the RSL virtually presented to Doug Egan, Greater Springfield Sub Branch President by Wendy Taylor, District President.
- b. **Charity Status Query** – ACNC looks after the QLD state and the ATO Charitable status is National. Both ACNC & RSL legal are working on putting together a communication regarding this – Judy Alterator.
- c. **Tramways** - requesting clarification on whether charities are allowed to donate to other charities? Answer from Yeronga/Dutton Park as that it's not recognised as a sanctioned donation but also not illegal.
- d. **Forest Lake** – notification of the resignation of Sub Branch President, Stuart Bradley. Steve Ford has stepped in as Acting President until a vote takes place, similarly Sharron Ford as Acting Secretary following SED Board approval.
- e. **Greenbank** – mention that the PA Hospital car park does not recognise Veteran's pension card for discount as it does a standard pension card. AGM for Service Members only went ahead at the end of March adhering to the restrictions.

APRIL

1. COVID-19 daily update from RSL QLD
2. Offers of Support - Open Arms, Care Army, 7th Brigade etc
3. Light up the Dawn – ANZAC Day alternative celebration
4. Sub Branch Financial & Welfare review

Moved: H. Bryan

“That the Report be accepted”

Seconded: Yeronga/Dutton Park

CARRIED

- 31/20 TREASURER’S REPORT – Bank account still relatively healthy given recent expenditure \$80,422.71 paid out debt owing for Logan & District to Macpherson Kelley and an insurance policy at \$31,221.55. Some refund received for tax credits for Logan & District, still waiting on the refunds for SED. Declan from Events on Oxlade has kept up payment on the flat but rent from Merthyr & Events on Oxlade is on hold until business resumes. Café opened and doing reasonable trade.

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: Wynnum

CARRIED

- 32/20 NOTICE OF MOTION – Bulimba RSL Sub Branch

Motion: That RSLQLD consider where a veteran is hospitalised for a lengthy period that the Wife, husband or partner is assisted in travelling to visit and care for the veteran. This may be by taxi vouchers, bus fares or other means.

Was taken to State by Wendy Taylor, District President and rejected due to incorrect wording. Wording has now been amended to reflect National instead of State.

Amended version to be circulated for discussion at Sub Branch level prior to vote at next District Council meeting.

- 33/20 REPORTS

- a. **RSL SED Advocacy & Welfare** – Nothing to report
- b. **District Advocate** – Advice that DVA claims are taking longer than usual due to Working from Home conditions.
- c. **District Welfare** – Hospital packs are at SED ready for distribution
- d. **Sub Branch Updates** – Sunnybank, City/New Farm, Kilcoy, Bulimba, Beerwah, Toowong, Redlands & Forest Lake
- e. **Membership** – Demographics, SED March & SED April

- f. **Sunnybank** – have a supply of face masks (1000) provided by the State Govt MP if needed. Other Sub Branches probably entitled also. One of the members is turning 100yrs old on Saturday 16th and have a COVIF-19 friendly celebration planned.
- g. **Redlands** – suggestion to use Events on Oxlade for return to SED meetings
- h. **Beaudesert** – Vice President recovering in Greenslopes Hospital
- i. **Beerwah** – celebrated a members 100th Bday and shared photo's with RSLQ QLD & SED, VE Day Last Post Association will have a live stream on their Facebook page tomorrow. Still nothing received from C&A regarding the Constitution
- j. **National Servicemen's** – Query on item 14/6 from Agenda. Following correspondence from National Servicemen's Secretary, the District Secretary clarified that RSL Service Clubs may not recognise the RSL Life Membership card holders in the same way the Sub Branch, District or State do.
- k. **District Advocate** – Advocacy work still coming in, some face to face meetings. Manly/Lota have a new committee. Presidents drinks, socially meeting on Zoom.
- l. **Salisbury** – Clarification on query from Tramways - as a service organisation with a primary purpose of assisting veterans, the majority of funds needs to go to this expense, however, we depend on the community at times and donations to certain charities are acceptable.
- m. **City/New Farm** – Recouped \$2k from Bunnings Newstead and various other sales on ANZAC Day. Comments to Sub Branches asking for responses to emails from VP's.
- n. **Logan Village** – Confirmed that they have contacted all members during Covid-19 and offered to free home delivery of the Army/Navy/Airforce newspapers. Suggestion to continue Light up the Dawn type vigils for Remembrance Day & VE/VP Days, take it to State, Government and politicians.
- o. **Wynnum** – Confirmed that they have contacted all members and offered meals for welfare. Problems with internet.

35/20 NEXT MEETING – Thursday, 4th June 2020

36/20 CLOSURE – There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.46 PM

W. Taylor

Wendy Taylor
President

Judy Alterator

Judy Alterator
Company Board Secretary