

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT LIMITED

COUNCIL MEETING 3rd September 2020

MINUTES

Presentation from Emma Adams – Open Arms

90/20 CALL TO ORDER: 6.00PM

91/20 HOUSEKEEPING: Wendy Taylor, President detailed to those present where the facilities and exits were situated at Events on Oxlade.

92/20 SILENCE TRIBUTE, VALE & ODE: The Vale for August was read by George Royes, Greenbank. One-minute silence was observed in respect of fallen and departed comrades.

93/20 WELCOME: Wendy Taylor, District President extended a welcome to the Councillors, SED Board and Visitors in attendance and those joining via Teams.

94/20 PRESENT:

a. Executive: Wendy Taylor, President; Judy Alterator, Company/Board Secretary; Judith Munday OAM, Treasurer; Peter Murray, Vice President; Kerry Gallagher AM, Vice President.

b. Councillors:

BAYSIDE SOUTH
BEAUDESERT
BEERWAH AND DISTRICT
BULIMBA DISTRICT
CITY NEW FARM
COORPAROO
DARRA
DEFENCE SERVICE NURSES
DEFENCE SERVICEWOMEN'S
FOREST LAKE
GREATER SPRINGFIELD
GREENBANK
HOLLAND PARK MT GRAVATT
MANLY-LOTA
NERANG
NORMAN PARK & NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S
PALMWOODS & DISTRICT

Herb Shapcott
Jon Forbe-Smith
Libby Brown
Brian Daley OAM
Susan Kellett
Dennis Collyer
Ted Fotek
Robyn Green
Eve Radford
George Churchward
Doug Egan
George Royes
Michael Weibler
Peter Beauchamp OAM
David Barnicoat
Mark Cash
Peter Murray (SED Board)

REDLANDS
SALISBURY
SPRINGWOOD TRI-SERVICES
STEPHENS
SUNNYBANK
TOOWONG
WYNNUM
YERONGA DUTTON PARK

Alan Harcourt
Tony Stevenson
Gary Sargent
Andrew Clifford
Harry Claassen
Mike Muirhead
Allen Scott
Paul Woods (via TEAMS)

95/20 VISITORS: 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; Richard Smith / Bayside South RSL Sub Branch; Stephen Cook / Nerang; Neil Spackman / Holland Park Mt Gravatt; Emma Adams / Open Arms & Hayley Bryan / District Secretary

96/20 APOLOGIES: John Robinson OAM / Kilcoy & SED Board; Grahame Fullerton / Tramways; Steve Monteath / Jimboomba & SED Board, Stephen Dacey / SED Board; Dr Bob Maher / SED Board; Peter Kinsella / Manly-Lota; Hugh Polson / Sunnybank;

Moved: Wynnum
"That the Apologies be noted."

Seconded: Salisbury
CARRIED

97/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 13th August Meeting

Moved: Darra
"That the Minutes of previous meetings date be taken as read."

Seconded: Coorparoo
CARRIED

98/20 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES –

1. Confirmation sought from Beerwah & District on whether the request for reimbursement post VP Day event was made to the Sub Branch that requested it, minute number 84/20 referenced. District confirmed that no application for reimbursement has been received as yet.

99/20 ACTION ITEMS – Completed

1. Delay on order for standard RSL and Life Member ties, price to be confirmed and advised to Sub Branches when available.

100/20 CORRESPONDENCE – Inwards and Outwards

1. Media Release – Veteran’s mental health GP Assistance Hotline now available
2. Photos from Toowong VP Day celebration on SED website
3. Responses from the 2020 State AGM format are complete and will go ahead
4. Reminder to all Sub Branches to adhere to COVIDSafe plan requirements
5. The Military Shop – WW2 medal initiative & reminder to order for Remembrance Day
6. Angus House, temporary accommodation – information on RSL QLD website
7. Nationally accredited Infection Control certificate with funding for RSL’s

Moved: J. Alterator

“That the Correspondence be accepted”

Seconded: Toowong

CARRIED

101/20 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE – NIL

102/20 TREASURER’S REPORT – Received \$11,000 from BBC Lord Mayor to assist with offsetting the rent relief that SED offered Merthyr Bowls Club & Events on Oxlade. Currently have \$156,000 in the working account, was to cover expenses at the Logan Hub but most of those are covered for now. Investment portfolio didn’t do as well last month. The portfolio is still sitting at a 50/50 split following discussion at the SED AGM in March to keep it as is. One investment lost 2.8% but we still had an increase overall.

District President responded to a question about the associated costs with the Logan Hub going forward – see General Business 104/20-1

SED SOLVENCY STATEMENT

“That in the Management Committee’s opinion, the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) 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: Bulimba

CARRIED

103/20 REPORTS

- a. SED Welfare – Report as tabled by Steve Monteath.
- b. SED Wellbeing Hub – Logan – Report as tabled by Steve Monteath. Safe Food Handing courses available
- c. Carina Men’s Shed – Sub Branches reminded to complete the form previously circulated and return to the Carina Men’s Shed by nominating any Veterans in need of support services

- d. **Greenslopes reorganisation** – Update by Kerry Gallagher AM. Matthew Rowe consultant finalising plans for GPH and volunteers in conjunction with SED Board.
- e. **District Advocate** – DVA claims blown out to 9-12 months, discussion around a Notice of Motion to RSL National.
- f. **Sub Branch Reports** – Bayside South, Wynnum, Beerwah, Kilcoy, Redlands, Defence Service Nurses, Forest Lake, Beaudesert & Greenbank. Available to view on the SED website.
- g. **Sub Branch Newsletter** – Bayside South, Redlands, Norman Park and National Servicemens & Sunnybank – available to view on the SED website.
- h. **Membership** – Reports from MMS. Thanks were given from Coorparoo & Yeronga-Dutton Park to the Network & Memberships team for visiting their Sub Branches.

Moved: Nerang
“That the Reports be accepted”

Seconded: City-New Farm
CARRIED

104/20 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. **Repairs & Renovations at Logan Wellbeing Hub** – there will be ongoing discussions with SED members regarding the rebuild or repairs of existing buildings. There is a consultant onboard now to implement business plans and look into potential opportunities for Grants to improve the commercial kitchen space and manage the future of existing asbestos. Scott Mackie, SED facilities manager has assessed Logan, plumbing and electrical repairs needed to make facilities safe and workable. 2 x commercial walk-in cold rooms are available for sale.
2. **DVA claims processing** – discussions were had around the effect that delayed claims processing are having on Veterans. Due to the DVA claims call centre being located in Melbourne and the effect that Covid-19 is having on everyday business in the city, District Advocate Peter Beauchamp advised that claims are now taking up to 9-12 months. Examples were sited of where this was impacting members within SED and it was agreed that a Notice of Motion would be drafted and submitted for circulation to all Sub Branches for discussion and voting at the next Council meeting.
3. **State Congress 2020 registrations open** – Notice of Meeting from State with the meeting details was emailed Wednesday August 24th. Delegates are asked to phone the District Secretary to register through the online process.
4. **OSR results** – query on whether 100% consent was received from all Sub Branches regarding the changes to the Constitution. Results are due at the next District Presidents meeting.
5. **National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide** – written submissions in response to the Legislation Pack required from District by September 9th, however, individual submissions are accepted until 24th September 2020
<https://www.ag.gov.au/about-us/national-commissioner-defence-and-veteran-suicide-prevention>
6. **Presentation** – Peter Beauchamp OAM for Life Membership
7. **Sunnybank RSL** – Flyers available advertising State of Origin viewing hosted by the Sub Branch, Speaker system for sale only used a few times and heavily reduced so please contact Harry or Hugh for details and there are examples of the design of their

Newsletter for those interested. Delegates asked to check with their Sub Branch for outstanding invoices for the badges.

8. **Wynnum RSL** – QLD Government website lists ANZAC Day on Monday 26 April under Public Holidays for 2021.
9. **Beerwah RSL** – Official opening of new building on 21st August including store room, office with displayed memorabilia.

105/20 NEXT MEETING – Thursday, 1st October 2020 at 6pm (online & face to face).

106/20 CLOSURE – There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 PM


Wendy Taylor
President


Judy Alterator
Company/Board Secretary