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ANZAC DAY PARADE BRISBANE

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To: RSL District Presidents of Queensland

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PROPOSAL FOR THE RSL DISTRICT'S & SUB-BRANCH MEMBERSHIP - AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANZAC DAY PARADE BRISBANE

1. On Thursday 25th April 2024, the Anzac Day Parade Brisbane Committee (ADPB) will deliver the annual CBD Parade on behalf of the citizens of Brisbane. It will be supported by the attendance of a number of dignitaries including the Governor of Queensland, the Premier of Queensland and Lord Mayor of Brisbane. Invitation letters are despatched in February 2024.
2. Due to the easing of mitigations required to combat the COVID-19 pandemic the contingency planning in 2023 was monitored should the restrictions be reintroduced to have a bearing on Parade delivery and through the ongoing support of many agencies; including those within the Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council, the ADPB volunteer network delivered an event enabling past and present ADF veterans to march through the streets of the Brisbane CBD along the traditional route.
3. As part of the annual review of the Parade it was suggested that there may be a significant body of ADF veterans not participating in the march as there is no Ex-Service Association on the ADPB Order of March relevant to their service. A proposal to extend the opportunity to participate focussed on similar parades across Australian capitals that are delivered by their respective RSL State Branches.
4. Whilst there is no intent to mimic the organisation of other Parades it was felt a place could still be allotted within the existing structure to enable RSL members not involved in delivering concurrent local sub branch events, or following commemorations held earlier on Anzac Day, to march within a dedicated Group in the Order of March. Appendix 1 shows both the position and form up location that would be allocated for veteran RSL members to position themselves to follow the traditional single service groupings by 11:00am. There is no requirement to arrive in the CBD any earlier as the form up area identified will not be vacated before this time by the serving ADF personnel marching into the Elizabeth Street position from Central Station or Eagle Street.
4. The Parade is carried on the shoulders of the estimated 250 volunteers executing a variety of roles within the security cordon provided by QPS, SES, QAS & QFES personnel. The event is broadcast live across Queensland and streamed on Facebook by the ABC.
5. This proposal has been discussed by the ADPB Executive and proposed to the Committee Ex-Service Association delegates at the October meetings where it received significant support.

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6. It is hoped this proposal will meet with your endorsement and allow us develop the scope. Any communication to sub branches will be through the District offices. Please offer your initial feedback by Monday 4th March 2024.

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Executive Officer ADPB

Appendix 1: 2024 Order of March position; Form Up Point/Street Map Location.

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Appendix 1

Order of March

Thursday 25th April 2024

- Group 1 – WWII Veterans, Command Party & support
- Group 2 – Women's Services, NZ Veterans & support
- Group 3 – Royal Australian Air Force
- Group 4 - Royal Australian Air Force Assns
- Group 5 –Royal Australian Navy & Assns
- Group 6 – Australian Army
- Group 7 – Australian Army Assns
- **Group 8 – RSL Districts & Sub Branches
(Elizabeth St post ADF?)**
- Group 9 - Allied Forces Assns
- Group 10 – Centenary Banners & Descendants
- Group 11 – Youth organisations & Parade volunteers

