



HIGHLIGHTS FROM STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20TH NOVEMBER 2009

AGENDA ITEMS—STATE COUNCIL

Motions included within the Consent Agenda Items (sub-committee minutes) must be submitted separately to be adopted by State Council in order that they may be debated individually.

RSL DAY CARE CLUBS

It was noted that there were two new Day Care Clubs commenced operations being Armidale and Evans Head. Unfortunately, we also lost two; Port Macquarie has gone into recess and Tweed Heads are now sponsored by a Queensland sub-Branch.

STANDING POLICY

Standing Policy on RSL Patrons was discussed and the decision was that a formal policy be framed to reflect the high regard in which patrons are held..

ANZAC MEMORIAL

State Council noted that the ANZAC Memorial would be commemorating its 75th Anniversary and the official opening on 24th November 2009. The Memorial has been closed to the general public for 12 months allowing major restoration work to be carried out.

RSL CONSTITUTION

The State RSL Constitution re-write is on schedule for presentation at May 2010 State Congress.

RSL WBI

An income officer has been appointed to RSL Welfare and Benevolent Institute to assist with the marketing of the United Returned Soldiers' Fund.

ANZAC HOUSE RENOVATIONS

ANZAC House renovations will commence on 4 January 2010 with the hope of completion by the end of May.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Please find attached our membership numbers at District Council level with a comparison as of 31st December 2008.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM STATE COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 21/22 AUGUST 2009

BY LAWS & STANDING POLICIES

In line with State Congress to have the RSL Constitution and By Laws rewritten, State Council has decided that no new By Laws and Standing Policies for District Councils and Sub-Branches will not be approved until the Constitution has been rewritten.

RSL AFOF

State Council noted that this year the RSL Australian Forces Overseas Fund (AFOF) has contributed magnificently to both Army and Naval forces serving overseas. The RAAF funding remains to be decided.

GRAYTHWAITE

State Branch is seeking reimbursement from the Federal Government for the costs incurred by the League in defending the Graythwaite Trust. The Graythwaite property has been purchased by Shore School

YOUNGER VETERANS FORUM

The first Younger Veterans' Forum was held in the Hyde Park Inn Forum in November with a very good response from recently discharged and those still serving. Mr Sean Plunkett is the chairman of the new forum. Key outcomes;

- Education
- Compensation
- Integrated Personnel Support Strategy & Transition Management
- Mental Health Policy

REVEILLE

In seeking savings to State Branch; an investigation was carried out into Reveille. State Council endorsed that Reveille will continue as a hard copy available to all members. We are also waiting the quotation to provide Reveille on the RSL Website.

NATIONAL CAPITATION FEES

State Council has formed a small committee looking at raising funds to meet the increasing capitation fees for National as well as providing financial support to less financial sub-Branches. This will be progressed in the new year.

ANZAC HOUSE

Arising out of the reconstruction work carried out in the new year to ANZAC House meeting rooms will be given specific names; e.g. Trooper Mark Donaldson V.C.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of State Council will be on Friday, 19th and Saturday, 20th February 2010 at ANZAC House Sydney

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS</u>		
EASTERN METROPOLITAN	2,662	2,522
FAR SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN	4,355	4,082
FAR WESTERN METROPOLITAN	7,326	6,939
INTRA MURAL	621	555
MANLY/WARRINGAH/PITTWATER	2,840	2,648
NORTHERN METROPOLITAN	2,410	2,185
SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN	3,778	3,379
WESTERN METROPOLITAN	2,513	2,340
	<hr/> 26,505	<hr/> 24,650
 <u>COUNTRY DISTRICTS</u>		
BLUE MOUNTAINS	407	364
CENTRAL COAST	3,510	3,016
CENTRAL SOUTHERN	3,913	3,893
FAR NORTH COAST	2,108	2,028
FAR SOUTH WESTERN	1,477	1,423
HUNTER VALLEY	1,267	1,518
LOWER NORTH COAST	2,431	2,282
LOWER NORTH WESTERN	228	197
MONARO & FAR SOUTH COAST	1,257	1,172
NEWCASTLE	3,362	3,254
NEW ENGLAND	1,293	1,194
NORTH COAST	2,317	2,179
RIVERINA	859	817
SOUTH WESTERN	627	593
UPPER NORTH WESTERN	289	285
WESTERN	1,943	1,823
WESTERN SUB DISTRICT	49	50
	<hr/> 27,337	<hr/> 26,088
 UNATTACHED	 1,215	 1,047
 <u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	 <u>55,057</u>	 <u>51,785</u>