



HIGHLIGHTS FROM STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19 NOVEMBER 2010

Life Member Application Forms

All sub-Branches and District Councils are reminded that to avoid disappointing eligible nominations for the award of Life Membership of the League they should make sure that they use the most recent and up to date application form. These are available from State Branch on request or from the RSL NSW website, and can be identified as being revised in February 2010.

Advertising

District Councils and sub-Branches need to be mindful that for assistance with publicity and to ensure coverage of events in Reveille that they let John Gatfield know when these significant events are to be held. Advise State Branch by correspondence and we will forward to John Gatfield.

ANZAC Memorial Trust

Minister Terenzini welcomed the new Trustees of the ANZAC Memorial Building at the first meeting held on 22nd November 2010. Relevant resources of the State Government have been enlisted to ensure that the Trust will be able to maintain the Memorial into the future as the capacity of veterans decline. Voluntary Corps of Guards roles have been established at the Memorial to preserve the dignity, respect and memory of sacrifice.

Central Council of Women's Auxiliaries (CCWA)

A small restructure of the CCWA Executive combining the roles of Honorary State Secretary and Honorary State Treasurer has taken place. Also the Vice Presidents positions have been abolished and a new position of Deputy State President to be established and that the position be held by a CCWA Metropolitan State Councillor, elected by all CCWA State Councillors.

Annual State Congress Motion 14 Committee

The majority of RSL sub-Branches have supported the concept of Affiliate Membership and it is now in the hands of 2011 State Congress. RSL NSW is the only state in Australia without a form of civilian membership. Other organisations have variations on the civilian/family member theme; Legacy, Nasho's, Naval Association & a Vietnam Veteran ESO. An Affiliate is to be a member of State Branch and not a member of the League and therefore certain restrictions are imposed due to this very significant difference. An Affiliate does not wear the RSL Badge. Some of the advantages of Affiliates may well be; Younger members to sustain RSL sub-Branch committees, family of Service members to support the work of the League, increased pool of talent to draw upon particularly in rural & remote areas, ability to recognize non ex-service people for supporting our aims & objects. This proposal seeks to ensure that League members, now and into the future, are supported by appropriate, dedicated and sympathetic human resources. This particularly applies to those sub-Branches away from the Newcastle, Sydney & Wollongong areas of denser population.



Strategic Plan

The development of a Strategic Plan for overall Governance will be recreated with the assistance of a special strategic team from PricewaterhouseCoopers. The completed Strategic Plan is due to be issued and discussed at the 2011 Annual State Congress.

Reserve Seating for Veterans on ANZAC Day

Approval in principal was given to the ANZAC Day March Executive Committee to trial reserved seating for senior veterans along the Sydney ANZAC Day March route. Approval was given to produce handouts alerting descendants of their purpose and dignity of the ANZAC Day March and how they can participate in honouring veterans. State Branch will investigate a way of raising the necessary funding for the trial.

Sub-Branch Support and Assistance Fund

The sub-Branch Support and Assistance Fund has paid National Capitation Fees and provided finance to help two NSW RSL sub-Branches. Terms of Reference for the sub-Branch Support & Assistance Fund are to be sent to all RSL sub-Branches.

Proposed Streamlined NSW (RSL) State Branch Mission Statement

State Council accepted a request to consider reducing the State Branch Mission Statement to less than 25 words. The proposed new wording is;

“To provide for the well-being of Australian Defence Force members and dependants, past and present, and to promote community awareness of the objects of the League.”

Annual State Congress Review

State Council have agreed that a review of the conduct of our Annual State Congress should be carried out. State Branch are to generate topics for discussion and decision by State Council on how our annual meeting of RSL sub-Branches could be enhanced. Specifically, State Branch are to investigate funding, sponsorship, award presentations, active participation and registrations. This is as well as other issues that may be useful to reconsider modern and contemporary practices and expectations.

Facebook Incentives

A Facebook page will be initiated exclusively for female members of the RSL and its contents will only be visible to ladies who are members of the League. RSL NSW will allocate a budget not exceeding \$5,000 per annum to provide incentive programs on all RSL NSW Facebook pages. RSL NSW will expand the incentive program to website visitors and Reveille readers at an appropriate time and consideration be given to membership renewal incentives targeted at members with five or more years of continuous membership of RSL NSW.

NEXT MEETING

The next State Council meeting will be held on 25th/26th February 2011.

THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (New South Wales Branch)
TERMS OF REFERENCE

SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FUND

Reports To:

The minutes and the Financial Statements as provided by the FARM Committee are forwarded to State Council/State Executive and to District Council and Sub Branches as and when requested.

Membership:

Membership of the Committee is as appointed by State Council. The Committee will comprise the State President and three members of State Council, with the power to co-opt as required.

Meetings:

The Committee shall meet at least once each quarter or as required. The quorum is to be 50% plus one.

Meeting Papers: All Committee papers including Agenda should, unless extenuating circumstances prevail, be provided to all committee members at least five days prior to the meeting. Meetings shall be conducted at ANZAC House, 245 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Terms of Reference:

In accordance with *State Council Resolution 14 of 22 May 2010*, the committee has been created to oversee the raising of funds from the Sub Branch network to be used solely for the purpose of , firstly, subsidising increased capitation fees to National, and then secondly, to provide support to financially disadvantaged Sub Branches accepted as being in need. The fund is to be called the “RSL NSW (Sub Branch) Support and Assistance Fund”.

Objectives:

- a. Raise sufficient funds via the Sub Branch network in order to subsidise the increase in annual capitation fees to National.
- b. Raise sufficient funds via the Sub Branch network in order to provide financial assistance to those Sub Branches in need and worthy of support.
- c. Properly assess and approve/reject requests from financially disadvantaged Sub Branches who provide submissions for financial assistance.
- d. Alternative options will be investigated for those Sub Branches who make repeated requests for assistance.
- e. Provide proper financial and accounting records for the sound management of the income and expenditure of the “Fund” administered in accordance with the Terms of Reference.