



HIGHLIGHTS FROM STATE COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 23RD AND 24TH AUGUST 2008

RSL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

State Council approved the nominations for Life Membership of the League for the following RSL members;

John WATTERS	- Shortland
Garry BLAIR	- Botany
Cecil James HARRIS	- City of Lismore
Alfred Sidney SPARKES, OAM	- Woronora River
John Ronald TATE	- Nelson Bay
John Charles CLARK	- Hunter Valley DC
George John PETERSEN	- Lidcombe
John Thomas BARON	- City of Liverpool
Alfred John Francis SULLIVAN	- Riverina DC

These were subsequently approved by RSL National for the award of Life Membership.

CCWA LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Elsie Maud Hale	- Bonalbo
Vicky Roy	- Mascot
Daphne Seddon	- Fairfield
Connie Plaisted	- Milton-Ulladulla
Lurline Brownlow	- Boolaroo/Speers Point
Shirley Wood	- South Hurstville
Joan Rice	- Toronto
Ellen Jennar	- Wagga Wagga
Maureen Goding	- Chester Hill
Shirley Burns	- Maroubra

STATE BRANCH CLOSURE DATES

- From 12 noon; Friday 19th December 2008
Staff Christmas Party
- Wednesday 24th December 2008
RSL Stand Down Day
- Thursday 25th December 2008
Christmas Day
- Friday 26th December 2008
Boxing Day
- Thursday 1st January 2009
New Years Day

STAFF RETIREMENT

In October, Mrs Carol Brock, our Records Manager will be retiring after 22 years of loyal service to the League. Her 'spine chilling eye for detail' will be missed at State Branch and we wish her all the best for her retirement.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Ms Lyn Hull (former Membership Supervisor) will be stepping into the vacancy as our Records Manager. Mr Bob Batty (former Resource Officer) will be taking over from Ms Hull in the Membership Department. Mr Mark Jones has joined the State Secretary's Department, filling the gap left by Mr Batty.

"NSW REMEMBERS" BANNERS FROM ANZAC HOUSE

A Circular sent out to seek applications for the ballot of 21 NSW Remember Banners used in Sydney resulted in 91 applications. The sub-Branches who were successful in the ballot are:

Armidale, Auburn, Barraba, Boggabri, Cowra, Cronulla, Darlington Point, Dungog, Grafton, Hornsby, Howlong, Lithgow City, Macksville, Maclean, Malabar, Narrabri, Rose Bay, Springwood, Wallsend, West Wyalong, Wollondilly.
State Council trusts that the banners will help provide a sense of Remembrance at commemoration services for those receiving one.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Amendments were made to By-Laws 37 & 43 to permit the Constitutional amendments carried at the 2008 ASC regarding expenditure amounts. Amendments were made to By-Law 23 to correct an anomaly in the text. These amendments are included on the Constitutional Amendment distributed as Circular No 97.

CONGRESS VENUE

Nominations for the venue of Annual State Congress for 2010 to 2012 close on 31st December 2008.



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* State Council has confirmed the composition of the Board of Directors RSL LifeCare Limited for 2008 - 2009.

* The Hon. Alan Griffin MP, Minister for Veteran's Affairs, recently officially opened the 32 bed extension at RSL Linton Village, Yass.

* Australian Catholic University and RSL LifeCare, have extended the agreement whereby RSL LifeCare will continue to host the "RSL Professor of Veteran Health and Ageing", this ensures that the RSL is at the forefront of the provision of care to Veterans, their descendants and others.

* RSL LifeCare now operate through five sites across Sydney, at Yass, Wagga Wagga, Hawkes Nest, Ballina and Byron Bay, in addition to a broad community care in the home programme.

ANZAC DAY ORDER OF MARCH 2009

Following correspondence from the Federation of Naval Ships and RAAF Association to re-organise the order of March on ANZAC Day 2009, the matter has been referred to the ANZAC Day Committee. This follows many complaints about the order of the 2008 march and the apparent disregard of the ANZAC Day March Guidelines. The ANZAC Day March Committee are to canvas participants to ascertain what are the expectations of those participating in the ANZAC Day March.

DEFAULTING SUB-BRANCHES

It has been resolved that State Council will be taking a tougher stand on defaulting sub-Branches. These are sub-Branches that for whatever reason fail to meet their Constitutional requites to affiliate with State Branch & District Council. This stand includes placing a stop on all of the sub-Branch's bulk-mail, Life Membership Applications and Certificates of Appreciation until the situation is rectified or closure.

STATE COUCNIL TRAINING

State Council and a few members of ANZAC House staff took part in Corporate Governance Training.

The days were quite informative. Mr Patrick Moriarty of Our Community Pty Ltd, a specialist not-for-profit training company, conducted the training which focused on Corporate Governance and Strategic Planning.

Since completing the training a Stakeholder Analysis has been completed and there have been a number of new Task Groups created to revitalise the Corporate Plan and establish achievable Objectives and Strategies.

Some new goals were agreed to and are listed below.

1. To care for RSL members.
2. Grow and retain membership.
3. Engage ex-service and broader community in commemoration and remembrance activities.
4. Youth development and education.
5. Enhance RSL image.
6. Strengthen stakeholder relationships.
7. Maximise financial potential through sound financial management.
8. Provide effective governance.

State Council have considered a Training Matrix that will provide training for State Council, District Council and sub-Branch Executives. We look forward to this next exciting phase of our skills development throughout the League in NSW.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of State Council will be on Friday, 21st and Saturday, 22nd November 2008 at ANZAC House Sydney