



HIGHLIGHTS FROM STATE COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 23 MAY 2009

APOLOGY

I wish to apologise for the delay in issuing the May State Council Highlights due to State Congress and other pressing engagements. In future we will endeavour to provide these highlights within the month following State Council.

John Haines
State Vice President Metropolitan

STATE BRANCH GRANTS CO-ORDINATOR & INVESTIGATION OFFICER

State Council appointed Mr Bob Metcalfe, State Councillor as the Grants Co-ordinator & Investigation Officer for the RSL of NSW. If you need assistance in seeking grants Mr Metcalfe's email address can be found on the RSL website.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The change to Corporate Governance for NSW has seen a major presentation covering many areas such as;

- Membership Task Group
- RSL Image Task Group
- Corporate Governance Task Group
- Stakeholder Development Task Group
- Commemoration Task Group

CCWA (NSW BRANCH) ACCOMMODATION

The CCWA requested that consideration be given for a permanent office within ANZAC House. The matter was referred to the ANZAC House Trust for consideration.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 60

It was resolved that By-Law 60 be changed to reflect the period of notice of 28 days.

DEFAULTING SUB-BRANCHES

State Council are concerned that there are still some defaulting sub-Branches. So, those sub-Branch who have yet to send in their paperwork do so immediately as required in the Constitution.

ANZAC MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MALTA

State Council considered correspondence from the ANZAC Memorial Committee Malta who propose to erect a memorial to commemorate all who formed part of ANZAC and who are buried in a number of cemeteries in Malta. The ANZAC Memorial Committee Malta is seeking funds for this project.

State Council resolved to forward this correspondence to National HQ.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

State Council approved a Certificate of Appreciation be awarded to CDRE Ian Callaway, RAN Retd for his contribution as Chief Marshall of the ANZAC Day March for the past 8 years.



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CORPORATE PLAN

State Council to ensure ongoing implementation of the following objectives (i) to (vi) of the Corporate Plan;

- (i) Delivering Core Activities to Members
- (ii) Membership Recruitment
- (iii) Communication
- (iv) Commemoration and Remembrance
- (v) Welfare
- (vi) Maintaining sound finances and management to meet the Corporate Plan.

State Council is in compliance with the Corporate Plan and continues to monitor objectives.

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST (AVCAT)

The Trust has expanded over the past years to include a number of Federal Government sponsored projects and a number of RSL members have been involved in the successful operation of AVCAT.

AVCAT presentations of NSW & ACT Award Certificates & Grants were presented on 2nd July and 31st July at the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Sydney.

RSL TRIBUTE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS

Mr Norm Gibbons, Seven Hills RSL sub-Branch and Mr Kenneth Edward Campbell, Rooty Hill sub-Branch should be remembered for their outstanding service to the League in NSW over many years.

The members of their respective sub-Branch recognized their contribution at their funeral and a fitting tribute and farewell was given by their comrades.

DISTRICT COUNCIL BY-LAWS

District Councils are once again requested to supply a copy of their own by-laws to enable a consolidation and draft to be presented for simplicity. It has been noted that a number of District Council By-Laws have been presented, but approval is not given where a reflection of the main Constitution and By-Laws is copied into a District Council By-Law.

2009 ANZAC OF THE YEAR AWARD

Ms Moira Kelly OA	nominated by VIC Branch
Mr Lambis Englezos	nominated by VIC Branch
Mr Ivor Elliott	nominated by NSW Branch
Mr Frank Williams	nominated by NSW Branch

National Headquarters has contacted the above people to confirm their acceptance of the award and the medallions and certificates will be made available to State Branches as soon as practicable.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of State Council will be on Friday, 20th and Saturday, 21st November 2009 at ANZAC House Sydney