



Dr R.G. (Rod) Bain MB.BS, FFARACS, FFARCS FRCA, FANZCA, JP

Birth

Mackay, North Queensland.

Education

Primary, Secondary and Tertiary at Queensland Schools and University.

Medical Specialty Training

Royal Colleges of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care in both UK and Australia.

Particulars of Service and post Service

Dr Bain served in the Royal Australian Navy from 1966 to 1973. The major portion of his time was spent in sea going appointments. In 1969 he also served ashore with the RAAMC. at 1st Aust Field Hospital in Vung Tau, SVN. In 1970 he served with the USN 7th Fleet on HMAS Hobart and in 1972 he became the Principal Medical Officer on HMAS Sydney returning our troops from SVN.

Discharge from the RAN was followed by a number of years of medical specialty training at several of the leading teaching hospitals in Australia and the UK. Commenced setting up the Department of Anaesthesia at Westmead Hospital in Sydney 1977, but chose to begin Private Practice on the NSW Central Coast and not stay with an academic career. Retired from fulltime medical practice at the end of 1999 but remains registered to practice in NSW. In 2000 he developed his own private companies dealing in Art and Land sales. These are now all sold so he can concentrate on full time voluntary work with ex-service matters.

Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards

Vietnam Medal

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The Australian Active Service Medal

The Australian Service Medal

Australian Defence Medal

RAS Badge

Length of ESO Memberships and official positions held

Rod joined the Gosford RSL sub-branch in 1997 while reducing his full-time specialist career at the local hospitals and in private practice. He became sub-branch pensions/welfare officer in 1998, positions he relinquished on transferring to the City of Wollongong Sub-branch when Central Coast District Council became Metropolitan.

*Central Coast District Council Delegate for Gosford sub-branch from 1998 to 2003.

* State Congress Gosford Delegate 2000-2003.

* He was elected a State Councillor RSL (NSW) in 2004

* At 2008 State Congress he was appointed NSW RSL Vice President Southern Country for an initial term of three years.

Dr Bain with his professional background holds several State (RSL) and National (RSL) appointments and is a past (2006) Board Member of several Aged Care facilities on the Central Coast. In addition the Department of Veterans' Affairs has appointed Rod to a number of its National Committees. Some of these include:

1. Operation Life Program Committee for suicide prevention in conjunction with VVCS.

2. Men's Health Peer Education a committee to enhance the physical wellbeing of veterans.

3. Veterans and Veterans' Families Health Forum the committee controlling an \$11.5M research program to study the Intergenerational Health Effects of Service in the Military. First results end of 2012.

4.. Representative on the Reserve Forces Council (NSW) with another Councillor.

5. ESO round table (NSW) consultative group chaired by the Department of Veterans' Affairs Deputy Commissioner (NSW).

6. National Health and Aged Care Forum as RSL National's Medical Advisor.

7. DVA Clinical Reference Group for Preventable Hospital Admissions and Improved Community Care Program for Veterans.

8. Chairman Congress Motion 14 Committee to review service members' submissions for possible membership category change within the RSL (NSW).

9. Chairman Service Recruitment Task Force.

10. State Veterans' Affairs Committee member.

11 .On request, represent the State President at official functions.

12. MATES. Veterans' medicines advice and therapeutics education services. The program is designed to provide safer and greater care with medicines in our Veteran Community. Eg. Reduce drug related hospital admissions.

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