# The Returned & Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch)

# Notice of 2021 Annual Congress & Annual General Meeting



"The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance"

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# **Agenda**

The Annual Congress and Annual General Meeting will be held at ANZAC House over two days on Monday, 6 December and Tuesday, 7 December 2021 by teleconference, commencing at 9am.

#### **DAY 1 - ANNUAL CONGRESS/AGM**

#### **President's Welcome**

Ray James OAM, GAICD, JP

- Acknowledgment of Country
- Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Act of Remembrance**

- Wreath laying ceremony
- The Ode
- Last Post
- Minute's Silence
- Rouse

#### **ADF JOSS Ceremonial Presentation**

### Annual General Meeting 2021 President's Report Financial and Audit Report Motions

- Minutes from 2021 Annual State Congress
- Register of Motions
- Financials
- Annual Report
- Membership Fee Split
- Venue for next Annual State Congress & AGM
- Badges
- Veteran Policy Motions
- Anzac House Motions
- Constitution Motions

#### **Patron Address and Awards Presentation**

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC, QC

Governor of New South Wales

#### Close

#### **DAY 2 – ANNUAL CONGRESS**

#### President's Welcome

Ray James OAM, GAICD, JP

#### **ANZAC House Report – Part 1**

#### **National President Address**

Mr Greg Melick AO RFD FANZCN SC

# NSW Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans

The Honourable Natalie Ward MLC

#### **Department of Veterans' Affairs Presentation**

Elizabeth Cosson AM, CSC

#### **Chief of the Defence Force Address**

General Angus Campbell AO, DSC

#### **ANZAC House Report – Part 2**

#### Close

# **Notice of Annual Congress & Annual General Meeting**

Pursuant to Clause 8.11 of the RSL NSW Constitution, the Board gives notice that the Annual Congress and Annual General Meeting of The Returned & Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch) will be held at ANZAC House using remote technology on Monday, 6 December and Tuesday, 7 December 2021.

It is important for Members to be involved in setting the future direction of the Returned & Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch). Have your say by attending your sub-Branch's next general meeting and let your sub-Branch Delegate know your thoughts on the resolutions set out in this Notice of Annual General Meeting.

There are a number of items of business for consideration by Delegates. These include the approval of an amended Constitution to help refine the Constitution adopted by Members at the 2019 Annual Congress, motions submitted by sub-Branches and District Councils (including motions from the 2020 AGM that could not be debated) and the adoption of the financial statements and reports for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The Returning Officer appointed for the Annual General Meeting is Mr Jeff O'Brien State Secretary.

For the purpose of Appendix C, clause 7(e) of the RSL NSW Constitution, Delegates have the right to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf. The closing date for the appointment of proxies is Monday 29 November 2021. Information about the process for appointing proxies and the persons eligible to be appointed proxies can be accessed by clicking the **proxy nomination link** on the RSL NSW website <u>rslnsw.org.au/members-suite/congress/</u>.

#### **Items of Business**

- 1. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the proposed resolutions set out in Annexure A to the Notice of Meeting; and
- 2. To receive and consider the Financial Statements of RSL NSW and the reports of the Board and the Auditors in respect of financial year end 30 June 2021 set out in the Annual Report at Annexure B to the Notice of Meeting.

## **ANNEXURE A -RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

## ANNEXURE B – ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## ANNEXURE C – FLOWCHART ILLUSTRATING TREATMENT OF CONSTITUTION MOTIONS

## **APPENDIX A**

[Minutes of 2020 AGM]

**Appendix B Motions Register (from Congress 2017, 2018 and 2019)** 

## **APPENDIX C – 2022 DRAFT CONSTITUTION**

## **APPENDIX D – EXPLANATORY NOTES**