

## **RSL PFH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022**

### **PFH District Matters**

Dear members, welcome to my first newsletter. I have endeavored to bring to your attention what I believe are the most salient points that have occurred in the last month.

### **District AGM & Council Meeting**

The first council meeting for 2022 was held in conjunction with the AGM on Saturday 26 March.

The AGM was hosted by the Mackay Sub Branch on Saturday 26 March.

The District President position was up for re-election at the AGM.

Nominations for the position closed on Friday 25 February with two nominations being received.

The District Vice President Phillip Luzzi was the only application, and he was elected as President unopposed for a term of three years

The District Vice President (casual position) Dan Peters was elected as Vice President unopposed for a term of three years.

The following RSL Queensland guests who attended the AGM and PFH annual dinner.

Wendy Taylor	State Deputy President - RSL (QLD Branch)
Merv Brown OAM	President – RSL Brisbane North District
Matthew Rowe	Vice President – RSL South Eastern District
Neville Tarry	Deputy President – RSL Wide Bay and Burnett District
Miriam Dwyer	CEO - Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation (GMRF)
Cr Greg Williamson	Mayor, Mackay Regional Council
Rob Skoda	CEO – RSL (QLD Branch)
Kalie Ashenden	General Manager Membership & Network - RSL (QLD Branch)
Jessica Tonzing	Manager District Support Services – RSL (QLD Branch)
Bill Kernoczy	Head of Network - RSL (QLD Branch)
Paul Peterson	Tribunal Chair - RSL (QLD Branch)
Kathryn Smith	Wellbeing Advocate - RSL (QLD Branch)

### **Other Matters**

#### **Presentation to Bouldercombe Progress Association**

On the 17 March Barry and I presented a cheque to Gracemere RSL & Bouldercombe Progress Society for \$4,265 for the upgrade of their memorial.



### **Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation (GMRF)**

RSL Queensland has donated considerable funds to GMRF over recent years to enable the completion of the Vietnam Veterans PTSD study. Further, State is also funding a current study regarding the transition of servicemen and women from the Defense Force to civilian life.

Miriam Dwyer is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland School of Medicine and serves on the Board of the Commando Welfare Trust, and until recently, was a Director of Mates4Mates RSL Queensland has partnered with GMRF since around 2014.



It was my pleasure to present Miriam a cheque for \$10,000 to assist the organization with further research.



### Presentation to Wide Bay & Burnett District RSL

Neville Tarry is the Deputy President for this District.

It was my pleasure to present a cheque for \$20,000 to assist their service members who had been affected by floods in their recovery and provide assistance for essential items.

### Presentation of President's Award

The Sub Branch who has been nominated is a small traditional Sub Branch, and during 2021.

1. Ran very successful ANZAC and Remembrance Day commemorative services on behalf of their community.
2. Ran a very successful commemorative memorabilia sales program which helps fund its welfare program.
3. While it is a traditional Sub Branch, it runs a very active facility for its members.

The President's Award for 2021 is the Finch Hatton Sub-Branch.



### Presentation of Life Member Certificate and Badge

Mr. Bryan Ottone was presented with his award at the AGM dinner for his exceptional services which he has provided to RSL Emerald Sub Branch.

### District Council meetings dates for the remainder of 2022

### **District Council**

21 May - Gracemere  
16 July - Walkerston  
17 September - Yeppoon  
19 November - Clermont

### **District Executive meeting dates for the remainder of 2022**

30 April  
2 July  
27 August  
29 October

### **Sarina Sub Branch**

No further information at this stage, however the members will be kept informed as new correspondence is forthcoming.

### **Amalgamation of the Two Rockhampton Sub Branches**

No further information at this stage, however the members will be kept informed as new correspondence is forthcoming.

### **State Board Meeting and Related Matters**

The first board meeting I will be attending is on the 26 May and I will provide any relevant feedback.

### **On Going Matters and Reminders**

#### **District Website/Facebook**

Website address is [www.rslpfhdistrict.org.au](http://www.rslpfhdistrict.org.au) Sub-branches are encouraged to keep providing details of events, photographs, to President, Phil Luzzi, or District Secretary, Lynette Phillips, for placing on the district website and Facebook page.

### **Dental & Allied Health Program**

The program will continue in 2022 and has been budgeted for accordingly. For March 2022 the following expenses were incurred. Dental \$2,744.85 , Hearing \$2,000 and Optical \$1,281 for a TOTAL of \$6,025.85.

### **LiveLife Alarms Program**

The program will continue in 2022 and has been budgeted for accordingly. Up until March 2022 there were 7 renewals for a total of \$315.

### **District PAWS Coordinator**

The District PAWS Coordinator, Phil Luzzi & John Edwards continue research applicable courses relevant to PFH District Members.

### **District Charitable Objects Fund**

The fund will continue in 2022 with a further \$100,000 of funds being allocated by RSL Queensland to the District. Please note that applications are limited to a maximum amount of \$10,000 and applications cannot be retrospective. All applications need to be on the application form and be in accordance with the guidelines. Sub-Branches need to ensure they familiarize themselves with this documentation before an application is made. Sub-branches are encouraged to come up with worthy projects and apply for funding.

### **Sub-Branch Support Program**

Funding will be available in 2022 through this program for those Sub-Branches in financial need. For 2022 year to date, no applications have been approved. Please refer to program policy and guidelines. An application needs to be made on application form.

### **2022 Cadet Funding**

State Branch will provide further funding of \$27,000 for 2022. Applications through the Sub Branches will close on the 24 June in time for the District Executive to review applications at their June meeting and make recommendations for the approval at the July District Council meeting.

### **Emergency Welfare**

The budget allocation will continue in 2022 for emergency welfare spending.

### **A Message from our Immediate Outgoing President**

I was completely overwhelmed by the kind words spoken about me and the goodwill shown to me and my wife Mandy at the recent PFH District AGM, Council meeting, and Annual Dinner. It has been an absolute honour and privilege to have served as your PFH District President over the last 6 years, and before that, as a Vice President on the PFH District Executive from 2014 to 2016.

During this time, I have enjoyed immensely my visits to the Sub Branches and my interactions with the Presidents, Executive members, and the members (both service and social). It is at this grass roots level where most of the welfare and commemorative work is undertaken, and I was able to attend and witnessed many of these great initiatives directed at helping our members and veterans in general.

I have made many friends during this time, and I would like to assure you that I will continue my work for the RSL as the Chair of the RSL Queensland Audit & Risk committee, as a member of the RSL Queensland Investment committee, and in my home Sub Branch, Emu Park.

The district is in a strong position both financially and administratively. You have an Executive Committee that is stable and possesses the necessary people and business skills to successfully govern the district.

I am sure Phil, with his new Board and with the strong guidance of District Secretary, Lynette, will take the district to a new level and I wish the District Executive and the Sub Branches all the best for the future.

In ending, I thank you for your parting gift that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

Yours sincerely

Barry

Kindest regards

*Phillip Luzzi*

District President

