

RSL PFH DISTRICT NEWSLETTR March 2023

PFH District Matters

The new constitution and by-laws were sent out to all sub- branches for comment.

The changes to the 2022 constitution & by-laws will be voted on at our next District Council Meeting on the 25th March 2023.

Other Matters

Australia Day Awards

On the 31st January 2023 I had the honour of presenting Karen & Keith Jones of RSL Gemfields Sub – Branch their certificate & medallion.

The presentation took place at the Treasury Hotel in Brisbane.

Gary Player District President (North QLD) Les Nash District President (Moreton) & Dennis Pollard District President (Western).

Robyn Luzzi was also in attendance.



Meritorious Service Award

On the 3rd February 2023 I attended Sarina for the presentation of this outstanding award.

It was a privilege to have the opportunity to present Kevin Plumb his citation and his medal.

Kevin has been with the district in numerous positions over the past 25 years.

The presentation of the citation and photos can be viewed on the following link.

<https://rslpfhdistrict.org.au/blog/meritorious-service-medal-kevin-plumb-3-february-2023/>



Citizens Auxiliary Life Member Award

On the 18th February 2023, District President Phil Luzzi presented Finch Hatton Sub Branch Citizens Auxiliary member, and Sub Branch Treasurer, Mr Graeme Ware with his Life Member ship award.

Graeme is heavily involved in delivering welfare to members of Finch Hatton Sub Branch, giving many weeks of his time annually as well as personal equipment/materials to try and improve the quality of life of those in need. Graeme designed and built a portable display for the sub branch's memorabilia stall – with a member - that fits into the back of his ute. He also mans this stall twice a year for 2 full days at a time at Marian Town Centre, as well as on Show Day in the Pioneer Valley, selling memorabilia online as well, at different times in the year. Graeme's local knowledge and contacts were also intrinsic to the sub branch's success in completing a 2018 major project that commemorated those who served in World War I, according to the sub branch's Honour Roll. He was also able to find a number of family members, descendants of these soldiers, so that they could be invited to the unveiling of the Honour Gallery in an event staged at the hall. Additionally, he was one of the auxiliary members who donated their time to assist the builder in creating the space to hang the gallery.



"Graeme Ware is the most hardworking, diligent treasurer and auxiliary member and I was unhesitating in my endorsement of his nomination." Tammy Sprott 4.6.2022.



District Council meetings for 2023

25.3.2023 – AGM, Annual Dinner and DC – Emerald RSL

20.5.2023 – Finch Hatton RSL

22.7.2023 – Rockhampton RSL

16.9.2023 – Mackay RSL

18.11.2023 – Emu Park RSL

District Executive meetings for 2023

4.2.2023, 4.3.2023, 06.05.2023, 1.7.2023, 26.8.2023, 28.10.2023

RSL Capricornia Rockhampton Combined Services Sub Branch

No further information at this stage. Awaiting on a decision from the Department of Fair Trading.

RSL Sarina Sub Branch

A liquidator has now been appointed by Brisbane Supreme Court to organise the sale of the premises and finalise outstanding debts.

A letter from the Supreme Court of Australia dated 31 October 2022. Registry: Brisbane No: 719/22

ORDER

Before: Justice Bradley

Date: 31 October 2022

Initiating document: Originating Application filed 20 June 2022

THE ORDER OF THE COURT IS THAT:

- 1. The applicant is wound up pursuant to section 91(a) of the Associations Corporations Act 1981 (QLD)*
- 2. Francis Jude O'Neill and David Michael Stimpson are appointed liquidators of the applicant.*

State Board Meeting and Related Matters

Economic outlook – RSLQ budget expected to be delivered at the RSL QLD AGM

On Going Matters and Reminders

District Website/Facebook Website address is 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 continue into 2023 and will be budgeted for accordingly.

As of February 2023, total expenses were. Dental \$1054.40

Hearing \$751.00 and Optical \$3594.90

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = \$5400.40

Defibrillators

New defibrillator pads have been supplied to all sub branches who required them.

First Aid Kits

Sub – Branches are responsible for the replenishment of their first aid kit. There a number of organisations available who will check and restock you kits for a service fee and the cost of the replaced items; however, you can organise some responsible person in your sub- branch to carry this procedure on a regular basis.

LiveLife Alarms Program

The program will continue in 2023 and will be budgeted for accordingly, however the process on how we best manager this program is under review and the outcome of this review will be presented at the March District Council Meeting.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2023 \$707.00

District Wellbeing Advocate & Welfare Providers

Two compensation advocates have been employed to cover the Rockhampton and Mackay district. The two advocates are currently in training.

District Charitable Objects Fund

The fund will continue in 2023 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 Branch financials **MUST BE PROVIDED** as well as **QUOTES** for the functions, trips away and any other event, before any application can be considered.

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 is available for 2023 through this program for those Sub-Branches in financial need. Please refer to program policy and guidelines. An application needs to be made on application form.

TOTAL YTD = NIL

Emergency Welfare

TOTAL YTD = Nil

Phillip Luzzi

District President



Mackay RSL President Ken Higgins OAM and Les Palmer President Veterans Support Group, both who were infantry conscripts and wounded in the Vietnam conflict.

The 28th February is a day of Remembrance for those who have fallen at Long Hai. 2023 is 50 years since the end of the Vietnam Conflict.

Training

Recently the District participated in IT training in various locations. A big thank you to Genevieve from RSLQ who travelled up to our region to conduct these sessions. Thankyou to those Sub Branches who hosted and attended.



VALES

Membership ID	First Name	Last Name	Owner	Last Financial Year	Deceased Status	Deceased Date
1571488	John	Barton	Emu Park Sub Branch Inc.	SMLIFE	Confirmed	22/10/2022
1001862	C	Austin	Mackay Sub Branch Inc.	SM2003	Unconfirmed	21/02/2023
1522068	Bruce	Sloper	Yeppoon Sub Branch Inc.	SMLIFE	Confirmed	3/02/2023