

## RSL PFH DISTRICT NEWSLETTR APRIL 2023

### PFH District Matters

#### RSL PFH AGM & District Council Meeting

On Friday evening on the 24<sup>th</sup> March a Meet & Greet was held at the Emerald Show Ground.

A wreath laying service was held at the Cenotaph in Emerald followed by the AGM.

Fifteen Delegates were in attendance

Seven Co Delegates, and three observers.

#### Our official guest list was made up of the following: -

Stephen Day DSC AM	State President – RSL (QLD Branch)
Merv Brown OAM	District President – RSL Brisbane North District
Gary Player	District President – RSL North QLD
Neville Tarry	District President – RSL Wide Bay Burnett District
Miriam Dwyer	CEO - Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation (GMRF)
Jessica Tonzing	Manager District Support Services – RSL (QLD Branch)
Kathryn Smith	Wellbeing Advocate - RSL (QLD Branch)





## **Other Matters**

Change of RSL PFH District Constitution and By Laws –

Motion to the District Council Meeting Refer to approval of name change of motion 039.22 at the District Council meeting in Clermont on the 19th November 2022 08.23

MOTION 1. It is resolved that the RSL Pioneer – Fitzroy – Highlands District Branch Inc. constitution changes its name to the RSL Central QLD District Branch Inc. constitution and the changes will be reflected in the constitution

2. It is resolved that the RSL Pioneer – Fitzroy – Highlands District Branch Inc. By Laws change its name to the RSL Central QLD District Branch Inc. and the changes will be reflected in the By Laws.

At the District Council Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 both motions were voted in unanimously and furthermore they will be forwarded to RSL State Branch for approval by The State Council Of District Presidents

### District Executive Award

The award this year was presented to RSL Gemfields Sub Branch and I had the honour of presenting the award to President Keith Jones.

### 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

18.11.202 – Emu Park RSL

### District Executive meetings for 2023

4.2.2023, 4.3.2023, 29.4.2023, 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

The former RSL Sarina Sub Branch is now under a sales contract which will take effect at the end of March 2023.

### State Board and Related Matters

Board Sub Committees.

In light of the changes to the Board and the establishment of the State Council of District Presidents (SCDP) the structure of our sub committees was discussed.

The principles of ensuring we meet our governance requirements, that we best use our available skills, that at least one Board Director be on each subcommittee, and that we have sufficient sub committees and committee members to meet our requirements but no more, were used to guide our discussion and decision making.

The key changes include:

- The transfer of Award and Constitutional functions from the Governance, Constitution and Awards (GC&A) Sub Committee to the SCDP.
- The transfer of the Governance function, and clarified to be Board Governance, to the Nominations and Remuneration Committee.
- The winding up of the GC&A Sub Committee. The Committees will now be: State Council of District Presidents - Chair, Les Nash
- Audit and Risk - Chair, Barry Vains
- Nomination, Remuneration and Board Governance - Chair, Chris Hamilton
- Investment - Chair, Adam Walk

A Revised Committee structure will be published on Skip in the coming weeks.

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

District Website/Facebook Website address is [www.rslpfdistrict.org.au](http://www.rslpfdistrict.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.

The budget for the Allied Health Program has been increased from \$1000.00 per person per calendar year to \$1250.00 per person per calendar year.

No applications approved and spending YTD.

As of March 2023, total expenses were. Dental \$2511.50

Hearing \$1251.00 and Optical \$4591.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE = \$8354.50**

### **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 has been budgeted for accordingly, however the process has been reviewed and the sub branches have been made aware of the new procedures and the guidelines are available from the district secretary as well as the revised application forms.

The forms will also be available on the district web site when time permits.

**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 Spending**

TOTAL YTD = Nil

**Please Note**

The next district newsletter will not be available until early June as I will be away on leave

Phillip Luzzi

District President