



RSL SA/NT BULLETIN

TO: RSL SA /NT Sub-Branch Secretaries/Regional Co-Ordinators/RSL SA/NT Board Members

FROM: State President

DATE: 26th July 2019

SUBJECT: 101st Annual Sub-Branch Conference/Official Appointment of CEO/ Governance Update

The 2019 Annual Sub-Branch Conference was attended by 46 Sub-Branch Delegates and Observers. Out of the 100 Sub-Branches that we have listed, 51 of them were not financial therefore, if they were in attendance at the Conference, they were unable to vote.

Addresses were received from the following and details of these will be provided in the Minutes and forwarded to Sub-Branches:

- His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia opened the conference and in address focussed on the Sacrifice of the Contemporary Veteran. He stated that the Contemporary Veteran is very proficient in his or her military role, but there are also mothers, fathers, sons, daughters and friends and there is much that we as a community and a nation can do in terms of recognition, acceptance, rehabilitation and support for our Veterans and this challenge is for all of us.
- The Honourable Vickie Chapman MP, Deputy Premier and Attorney General represented the Honourable Stephen Marshall MP and addressed the conference on the Economic and Social Impact of Defence contracts for South Australia.
- Mr Don Spinks AM, Repatriation Commissioner addressed the conference and DVA's role Post the Productivity Commission Report.
- Mrs Amelia Traino, Executive Director SA Mental Health Commission addressed on The Mental State of the State.
- Ms Jan Anderson, Principal Member, Veterans Review Board addressed on Dispute Resolution Process for the Veteran's Review Board.
- Warrant Officer Class 1, Anthony Hortle, RSM Ceremonial addressed on Ceremonial Requests Process and Information.

- Greg Melick AO RFD SC, RSL National President was welcomed and addressed on RSL Nationals New Direction.
- Mr Kim Henshaw, General Manager RSL National gave an RSL SA/NT Operational Overview for 2018 in his time as CEO.

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia resented Mr Geoffrey Stewart of Tumbly Bay RSL Sub-Branch with his ANZAC of The Year Award. Mr Jeffrey Yates OAM of Tea Tree Gully RSL Sub-Branch was unable to attend and he will be presented with his at a later date.

A verbal report was given by the then Acting State President on behalf of the Board, details of which will be included in the Minutes. Throughout that report, Mr Trevor Whitelaw OAM, Chairman of the Avoca Board also updated in regard to the Avoca Hotel.

A huge thank you to the Morphett Vale RSL Sub-Branch Members and the Women's Auxiliary for the provision of morning tea and lunch, which was well received by all.

Thank you to the very small band of staff and volunteers and the State Branch who assisted on the day to make it a successful Conference.

The RSL State Board is as follows:

- Cheryl Cates President
- Trevor Whitelaw OAM Vice President/Chairman
- Wayne Langford OAM Board Member
- Bob Shewring Board Member
- Peter Lehman Board Member
- Gary Glynn-Roe Board Member

Outgoing Board Members were Bronson Horan and Tony Flaherty.

Motions for the Conference as outlined:

Rank Titles Part 1

All members to be addressed, or referred to, as either Mr or Ms (or Mrs, if ho chosen by the individual) within SA/NT and Broken Hill. This motion was moved, seconded and passed with the outcome, that the use of rank titles many no longer be used within our RSL.

Rank Titles Part 2

This motion was withdrawn as it was the policy of the National RSL not to use rank.

Rank Titles Part 1

This motion was withdrawn

Rank Titles Part 2

This motion was withdrawn

Membership Cards

That RSL SA promptly issue new membership cards to all financial service members and affiliates.

This motion was moved, seconded and defeated however, RSL SA/NT would look at some other options in regard to membership cards.

Legal Options

That the State Board obtains a legal opinion to establish whether there are any legal issues and avenues to address members' concerns of professional negligence and conflicts of interest relating to Jones Harley Toole, Lawyers, HLB Mann Judd, Accountants, taking into consideration the forensic audit report of 2017.

This motion was moved, seconded and passed. This was placed on the Agenda for the July RSL National Board Meeting and it was resolved that the National President and Chairman of the Board who are both legal representatives who have never seen the forensic audit, would provide RSL SA/NT with prepare a brief and instructions for our legal representatives.

By-Law 7

This motion was adjourned to the Extraordinary Sub-Branch Conference on 31st August.

By-Law 9

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Capitation Fees

This motion was moved, seconded and defeated.

Appointment of New CEO

Mr David Grenvold was appointed as the new CEO to replace Kim Henshaw on Monday 8th July 2019. David's most recent role was as CEO of the West Adelaide Football Club and prior to that held head commercial roles at the Giants and Adelaide Crows AFL Clubs. Has a Bachelor of Business with a Marketing Major.

Governance

I can report to you all that as of today, RSL SA/NT is fully compliant with the ACNC. As you are all aware, this has been a very lengthy process and I take this opportunity to thank Kim Henshaw and State Board Members for all their efforts in the development of policies that were required to ensure that we operate as a compliant Organisation. A huge thank you to Michael Hanton our Finance and Administration Manager who has worked tirelessly to sort out to the best of his ability the Finances and Audits for the last three financial years.

We trust to see you at the Extraordinary Sub-Branch Conference on 31st August 2019.



CHERYL CATES
State President