

Minutes for the RSL Queensland 2025 Annual General Meeting

9:30am, Saturday 21 June 2025

Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane

1. AGM Commencement

The MC introduced the State President and Chairman, who welcomed the attendees, recited the Ode, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Company Secretary declared the 2025 Annual General Meeting for the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) (**RSL Queensland**) open at 10:14am in accordance with the Notice of Meeting distributed on 14 March 2025 and clause 6.1 of the RSL Queensland Constitution.

Attendees were informed that the meeting was being recorded by a videographer commissioned by RSL Queensland. It was noted that this would be the only recording of the meeting, which would be posted on the RSL Queensland website afterward.

2. Roll Call - District and Sub Branches

Agnes Water/1770	Goondiwindi	Nerang
Airlie Beach-Whitsunday	Gordonvale	North Gold Coast
Ashgrove Bardon	Gracemere and District	North Queensland District
Atherton	Grantham-Ma Ma Creek	Nundah-Northgate
Babinda	Greater Springfield	Oakey
Banyo	Greenbank	Orchid Beach/Fraser Island
Beachmere	Gympie	Pine Rivers District
Beaudesert	Harlaxton	Pittsworth
Beenleigh and District	Helidon	Proserpine
Beerwah and District	Herbert River	Proston
Bell	Herberton	Rainbow Beach
Biloela	Hervey Bay	Ravenshoe
Blackall	Highfields	Redbank
Blackbutt	Holland Park-Mt Gravatt	Redcliffe

Boonah	Howard District	Redlands
Bowen	Hughenden	Rockhampton
Boyne-Tannum	Innisfail	Rollingstone
Bray Park-Strathpine	Ipswich	Roma
Bribie Island	Ipswich Railway	Rosewood
Brisbane North District	Isis	Runaway Bay
Bulimba District	Jimboomba	Russell Island
Bundaberg	Kalbar	Salisbury
Burleigh Heads	Kawana Waters	Samford
Caboolture-Morayfield and District	Kedron-Wavell	Sandgate
Cairns	Kenmore/Moggill	Seaforth
Cairns and District Ex-Servicewomen	Kilcoy	South Eastern District
Calliope	Killarney	Southport
Caloundra	Kingaroy/Memerambi	Springwood Tri Services
Cardwell	Kooralbyn Valley	St George
Centenary Suburbs	Kuranda	St Helens
Central Queensland District	Kuttabul	Stephens
City-New Farm	Laidley	Sunnybank
Clayfield-Toombul	Logan Village	Sunshine Coast and Regional District
Clermont	Longreach	Surfers Paradise
Clifton	Lowood	Tamborine Mountain
Cooktown	Mackay	Tewantin/Noosa
Coolum-Peregian	Macleay Island	The Gap
Cooroy-Pomona	Magnetic Island	Thuringowa
Coorparoo and Districts	Malanda	Tiaro
Currumbin/Palm Beach	Maleny	Tin Can Bay
Darra and District	Manly-Lota	Toogoolawah
	Mapleton	

Dayboro	Mareeba	Toowong
Deception Bay	Marian	Toowoomba
Defence Service Nurses	Maroochydore	Townsville
Edge Hill/Cairns West	Mary Valley	Tully
Emerald	Miles	Tweed Heads and Coolangatta
Emu Park	Mirani	Walkerston-Pleystowe
Farleigh and Northern Beaches	Monto	Wallangarra
Far Northern District	Moreton District	Weipa
Forest Lake and Districts	Mossman	Western District
Gatton	Mount Isa	Wide Bay and Burnett District
Gayndah	Mount Larcom	Wondai
Gaythorne	Mount Molloy	Woodford
Geebung Zillmere Bald Hills	Mount Morgan	Woodgate Beach
Aspley	Mount Perry	Yandina/Eumundi
Gemfields	Moura	Yarrabah
Gin Gin	Mudgeeraba-Robina	Yarraman
Gladstone	Murgon	Yeppoon
Glasshouse Country	Nanango	Yeronga-Dutton Park
Gold Coast District		
Goodna		

The Company Secretary declared that the total number of District and Sub-Branch delegates present and entitled to vote was 176.

3. Apologies – Sub Branches

The following Sub Branches were registered as Apologies:

Allora	Djuan and District	National Servicemen's
Ayr	Edmonton	Sherwood Indooroopilly
Barcaldine	Esk	Stanthorpe
Bayside South	Goombungee	Tara
Canungra	Hellenic	Taroom
Charleville	Home Hill	Toogoom and District
Charters Towers	Julia Creek	Wandoan
Chinchilla	Kenilworth	Warwick
Cloncurry	Mudjimba	Winton
Crows Nest	Mundubbera	Wowan
Cunnamulla	Nambour	Wynnum
Dalby		

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Nerang

Seconded: Bundaberg

Carried: (Voting by show of hands)

4. RSL Queensland officials in attendance

4 (a) Roll Call – RSL Queensland Directors

Stephen Day DSC AM

Tony Orchard

Wendy Taylor

Nicholas Gould

Bill Whitburn OAM

Ashley Naughton

Garry Player

Fiona Southwood

Apologies

Christopher Hamilton

4 (b) Executives in Attendance

Robert Skoda, Chief Executive Officer

Troy Watson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Veteran Services

Tracey Bishop, Executive General Manager Commercial and Investments

Kerri Ryan, Executive General Manager, Corporate Services

Nikki Amie-Fong, Chief Information Officer

Apologies

Leigh Goldsmith, Executive General Manager, People and Organisational Performance

5. AGM protocols and electronic voting

The Company Secretary provided contextual commentary on the AGM's proceedings, as outlined in the State Congress documentation.

Protocols regarding motions and amendments were explained, including the procedure for members to address the meeting to raise questions or provide commentary.

It was indicated that the Chair of the AGM would call for a poll for each agenda item, and the meeting was briefed on the use of the Lumi electronic voting platform to fulfil that purpose.

The operation of the Lumi voting system, and the confidentiality of the voting process was explained to delegates. Delegate comfort with the system was confirmed using two 'test' motions.

The Company Secretary then welcomed State President, Stephen Day DSC AM to the Chair.

6. Appointment of Returning Officer

The meeting was advised that it was proposed that a representative of RSL Queensland's independent Auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) would act as the Returning Officer for the meeting.

Motion:

That a representative of the independent auditor for the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch), Darren Jenns PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) be appointed as the Returning Officer for the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: North Gold Coast

Poll results

Votes received: 176

For: 99.4%

Against: 0.6%

Abstain: Nil

Carried

7. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2024 AGM

The meeting was informed that, in accordance with the Constitution, the draft minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting had been distributed electronically via districts, six weeks after the 2024 AGM and made available on the RSL Queensland website.

Motion:

That the draft minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Gympie

Poll results

Votes received: 176

For: 97%

Against: Nil

Abstain: 3%

Carried

8. Presentation and adoption of the State President (Chair of RSL Queensland Board) 2024 Annual Report

The meeting was advised that Annual Report of the State President (Chair) of RSL Queensland had been provided to members electronically and had been available on the RSL Queensland website since 23 May 2025.

The Annual Report was taken as read.

Motion:

That the Annual Report of the State President (Chair) of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for 2024 be adopted.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Toowoomba

Poll results

Votes received: 176

For: 99.4%

Against: Nil

Abstain: 0.6 %

Carried

9. Receiving the Auditor's Report on the Financial Affairs for RSL Queensland for the year ending 31 December 2024

The Chair confirmed that the Auditor's Report had been provided to members within the State Congress Documentation.

The Auditor's Report was taken as read.

Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions of Darren Jenns, a representative of PwC and the independent auditor, who was in attendance, regarding the audit process, and no questions were received.

Motion:

That the Auditor's Report on the Financial Affairs of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for the year ending 31 December 2024 be received.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Redcliffe

Poll results:

Votes received: 176

For: 100%

Against: 0%

Abstain: 0%

Carried

10. Presentation and adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

The Chair confirmed that the audited Financial Statements had been provided to members in the State Congress Documentation and were taken as read.

Attendees were provided the opportunity to ask questions of Kerri Ryan, RSL Queensland Executive General Manager, Corporate Services, regarding the audited Financial Statements and no questions were raised.

Motion:

That the Audited Financial Statements of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for the year ending 31 December 2024 be adopted.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Goodna

Poll results:

Votes received: 176

For: 100%

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Carried

11. Appointment of Auditor

The Chair briefed the meeting on good governance practices in the appointment of auditors, noting that the individual audit partner would be changing from next year, however the audit firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, would remain the same.

Motion:

That PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed as External Auditor for 2025 and 2026 for the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Group, comprising RSL Queensland and its Related Bodies Corporate.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Biloela

Poll results:

Votes received: 176

For: 98%

Against: 2%

Abstain: Nil

Carried

12. Motions from State Branch, Districts and Sub-Branches

The Chair confirmed that there were five motions received in total from the Sub Branches.

12(a) Motion 1 from Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch

The Chair read the motion contained in the State Congress Documentation and, following seconding of the motion, invited Delegates to speak for or against the motion.

The Delegate from the North Gold Coast RSL Sub Branch spoke against the motion, commenting that it would be more appropriate that veterans who served in MEAO be recognised on a separate date, rather than on National Peacekeepers Day, which was supported by the Delegate from Greenbank RSL Sub Branch.

The Delegate from The Gap suggested that the motion include recognition of those who served in Rwanda. It was noted, however, that those that served in Rwanda are recognised as part of National Peacekeepers Day.

The Delegate from Walkerston-Pleystowe spoke against the motion, expressing disappointment, bewilderment and confusion regarding the lack of consultation in the raising of the motion and the selection of a date that already recognises others who served.

The Chair put the motion to the meeting and a vote on the motion was called:

Motion:

That the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) (RSL Queensland) formally recognises (and requests that its District and Sub Branches formally recognise) 14 September, Australian Peacekeepers Day, as the official day of commemoration for all veterans who served in the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO), ensuring that all conflicts and operational service within the region, including Iraq and Afghanistan, are equally recognised.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Biloela

Poll results:

Votes received: 176

Poll results:

For: 18%

Against: 74%

Abstain: 8%

Defeated

12(b) Motion 2 from Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch

The Chair read the motion contained in the State Congress Documentation and, following seconding of the motion, invited the Delegate from Caloundra RSL Sub Branch to speak, noting the Delegate's request to propose an amendment to the motion.

The Delegate from Caloundra RSL Sub Branch proposed an amendment to the motion, requesting that the motion also include reference to the new Additional Disablement Amount under the Military Rehabilitation Compensation Act 2004. The Delegate from the Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch confirmed that they supported the proposed amendment.

The Chair read the amended motion to the meeting and, following seconding of the motion, invited Delegates to speak for or against the motion. With no Delegates electing to speak for or against the motion, the Chair put the motion to the meeting and a vote on the motion was called:

Motion (as amended):

That RSL Queensland make a submission to the National Veteran's Affairs Committee requesting that it lobby the Federal Government to extend the GST concession currently provided to veterans on the Special Rate Pension to those veterans on the Extreme Disablement Adjustment Rate Pension and the new Additional Disablement Amount under the *Military Rehabilitation Compensation Act 2004*, and that this extension take place as a matter of urgency.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded (original motion): Mirani / **Seconded (amended motion):** Moura

Poll results:

Votes received: 176

For: 94%

Against: 6%

Abstain: Nil

Carried

12(c) Motion 3 from Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch

The Chair read the motion contained in the State Congress Documentation and, following seconding of the motion, invited Delegates to speak for or against the motion. With no Delegates electing to speak for or against the motion, the Chair put the motion to the meeting and a vote on the motion was called:

Motion:

That RSL Queensland makes a submission to the Queensland Veterans' Council requesting that it lobby the Queensland State Government to introduce limited exemptions from land transfer duty (commonly known as stamp duty) on properties purchased by veterans holding a Gold or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) card to achieve indexed annually:

- 100% exemption from transfer duty for purchases of property up to \$750,000 in value; and
- 85% exemption from transfer duty for purchases of property in excess of \$750,000 in value.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Magnetic Island

Poll results:

Votes received: 176

For: 90%

Against: 9%

Abstain: 1%

Carried

12(d) Motion 4 from Tweed Heads and Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch

The Chair read the motion contained in the State Congress Documentation and, following seconding of the motion, invited Delegates to speak for or against the motion.

In speaking for the motion, the Delegate from the Tweed Heads and Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch briefed the meeting on the underlying intent of the motion, and the request that all communications from RSL Queensland be reviewed to ensure relevance and timeliness and to ensure they are issued through effective channels.

The Chair put the motion to the meeting and a vote on the motion was called:

Motion:

RSL Queensland review the communication channels in use to Sub Branches, with a view to optimising such communication in terms of content, timing, communication channel to be used, and addressees.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Wondai

Poll results

Votes received: 176

For: 79.5%

Against: 17.6%

Abstain: 2.9%

Carried

12(e) Motion 5 from Walkerston-Pleystowe RSL Sub Branch

The Chair read the motion contained in the State Congress Documentation and, following seconding of the motion, invited Delegates to speak for or against the motion. With no delegates electing to speak, the Chair put the motion to the meeting and a vote on the motion was called:

Motion:

That RSL Queensland actively supports the advocacy for the award of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (HOSM) for OP SHADDOCK, OP PLES DRAI and OP AUSINDO JAYA and reports back at the 2026 State Congress, if not beforehand.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Yeppoon

Poll results

Votes received: 176

For: (79%)

Against: (16.5%)

Abstain: (4.5%)

Carried

13. Declaration of election of State Vice President

The Company Secretary spoke to the call for nominations for the role of State Vice President, noting that only one nomination was received. In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, the Company Secretary invited the Chair to make the declaration that the candidate was duly elected as State Vice President.

The Chair declared Arran Hassell CSC as duly elected as State Vice President of RSL Queensland.

14. Declaration of election of Director

The Company Secretary spoke to the call for nomination for the skills-based Director position, which was uncontested. In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, the Company Secretary invited the Chair to make the declaration that the candidates were duly elected as Directors.

The Chair declared Christopher Hamilton as duly elected as Director of RSL Queensland.

15. Destruction of Voting Information

The Chair called for a vote for the destruction of all voting information noting that all polling data would be deleted so that the data could no longer be retrieved or accessed.

Motion:

That the form authorising the destruction of voting data be signed.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Atherton

Poll results

Votes received: 176

For: (99.4%)

Against: (0.6%)

Abstain: Nil

Carried

It was noted that the data would be deleted from the Lumi Technologies equipment at the end of the meeting, and the meeting will be advised that all voting data has been destroyed after representatives from both RSL Queensland and Lumi Technologies sign the document confirming the deletion.

16. Confirmation of Directors of RSL Queensland

The Chair invited the members of the Board to the stage, and the Company Secretary confirmed the Directors of RSL Queensland.

State President / Chair: Stephen Day DSC AM

State Deputy President / Deputy Chair: Wendy Taylor

State Vice President / Vice Chair: Arran Hassell CSC

Garry Player

Tony Orchard

Nicholas Gould

Ashley Naughton

Fiona Southwood

Christopher Hamilton (apology)

15. Meeting Closure

The Company Secretary advised the meeting that the Returning Officer had confirmed that all voting data had been destroyed.

The Company Secretary declared the AGM closed at 11:30am.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Stephen Day DSC AM, Chair

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