



THE SUB BRANCH SIGNAL

DOING BUSINESS WITH RSL
8:30 AM — 4:30 PM

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MEMBERSHIP

Monday to Thursday - membership
enquiries, Sub-Branch enquiries
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WELFARE

Monday to Friday - welfare applica-
tions, emergency housing, food &
lodging grants, SS&A Relief Trust
Fund applications. Overseas pen-
sions
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ADVOCACY

Monday to Friday - S31 reviews,
Veteran Review Board,
Admin Appeals Tribunal
Email: advocate@rslwahq.org.au
Tel: 9287 3708

FINANCE

Monday to Friday - all account
enquiries, Sub-Branch credits
Sub-Branch Insurance, information,
claims, grant application assistance,
DVA, Lotterywest (ABN, tax)
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Tel: 9287 3703 or 9287 3718

PENSIONS

Monday to Friday - pension entitle-
ments, claims preparation
Email: pensions1@rslwahq.org.au
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ANZAC CLUB

Monday to Friday - facilities book-
ings, catering/hospitality
Email: anzacclub@rslwahq.org.au
Tel: 9287 3714

LISTENING POST

Monday to Friday - editorial staff
Email: listeningpost@rslwahq.org.au
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APOLOGY

During April 2010 the State War Memorial in Kings Park was vandalised and some 30m of copper flashing was stolen. The matter was reported to the Police and an individual was subsequently charged with the incident. As part of the process of dealing with the incident RSL entered into a mediation interview with the offender. As part of that mediation process the offender has prepared the following apology to the Service and Ex-Service community. In accordance with that legal process we are unable to identify the offender and his name has been omitted from the letter.

To The President and Members of The Returned & Services League.

“My name isand recently I was responsible for the removal of a quantity of copper flashing from the RSL’s War Memorial at Kings Park. For this irresponsible act I humbly and sincerely apologise for this insensitive error of judgement. At no point was there any intention to damage, denigrate or desecrate the Memorial and what it represents. Please accept this apology not as a cynical panacea, but rather as a genuine attempt to ameliorate the outrage felt by your members and their families and to acknowledge the error of my act.

Yours sincerely,

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National President’s Visit

Monday 12 July 2010

1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Belmont RSL

Corner Great Eastern Highway & Leake Street, Belmont.
Convenient Location with plenty of free parking

PRESENTATION

*The Future of the League
The Way Ahead*

Presentation followed by a Discussion Session





2010 State Congress

Documentation for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting/State Congress is enclosed in this mail out of *The Sub Branch Signal*. Please take special note of the manner in which the League now deals with Congress Motions. It is expected that with the new process now in place there will be very few Motions to deal with. It is important all Sub Branches make every endeavour to have representation at the meeting not only to raise and debate issues but to be aware of happenings in the service and ex-service community.

Award of the Meritorious Medal

The Returned & Services League of Australia Meritorious Medal is the highest award that the National Executive may make to a member as an honour over and above that of a Life Member.

This award is presented to members who have demonstrated outstanding and meritorious service to the League and the community.

- Members are to have been appointed as Life Members;
- Have had 30 years continuous membership; and
- Who, having been in the opinion of the National Executive, provided a minimum of 25 years outstanding service.

The allocation to this State is limited and in recent years these have been highly contested. Sub Branches can nominate a member who meets the selection criteria in accordance with the Branch Constitution. Nomination Forms for the **Meritorious Medal Award** can be obtained from ANZAC House.

Completed nominations are to be forwarded to the State Headquarters by noon Tuesday 31 August 2010
LATE NOMINATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Life Membership

Life Membership is awarded to a Service Member who has given long, continued and outstanding service to the League. Other than in exceptional circumstances, the Branch shall not propose a Service Member for election by the National Executive to the class of Life Member unless that Service Member has been a Service Member for at least 15 continuous years immediately prior to the date of citation, and who must have, during his financial membership period, rendered at least 10 years honorary service to the League which is adjudged to be so outstanding as to merit special recognition.

When a Sub Branch submits the recommendation, it shall be forwarded to the State Headquarters supported by a written citation of the member's qualifications. Life Membership Forms can be obtained from ANZAC House.

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Annual Awards

Sub Branches are reminded that nominations for Meritorious Medal and Life Membership will close on Tuesday 31 August 2010. Nominations must be on the Form appropriate to the Award and the nominee approved at a Sub Branch Meeting. Your timely attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated as late nominations can not be accepted.

JOYCE (Sue) THOMAS OAM

Congratulations are extended to Sue Thomas on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to Veterans. Sue has been an active member of the Returned Ex-Service Women's Sub Branch of RSL since 1950 and has continuously taken a high profile role in that group in almost every administrative position. She is a well respected member of the ex-service community and has spent a lifetime of service to the RSL, War Veterans Homes, Australian Army Medical Women's Service Organisation as well as working with the blinded soldiers of St Dustan's.

Sue, a veteran of the Second World War, has, since her discharge from the armed Services acted in a voluntary capacity in welfare work to assist veterans in need or in necessitous circumstances. The actions that put her in an 'above the call' classification are the personal approach she takes to those she sets out to assist. That personal approach has brought relief to the needy as well as a respect to her for her dedication. Whether it is to an individual or a group she devoted the same consistent high standards of delivery. In her administrative role she demonstrated leadership skills that inspired sub branch members to take an active role in dealing with veteran welfare issues such as a hospital visitation program, fundraising and operational excellence. Under her leadership her sub branch won the coveted Newdegate Cup – an award for excellence in all areas of administration and welfare. Well done, Sue – a richly deserved recognition for service to others.

Insurance Renewals

Thanks are extended to sub branches that were prompt in lodging their forms for Insurance Renewals. We are currently collating the information for transmission to our Insurance Broker. Once we have the renewal account we will be able to issue Tax Invoices to Sub Branches. We anticipate these being issued in the last week of July. When your account has been paid a Certificate of Currency will be issued. Prompt payment will ensure you have the Certificate in time for securing a favourable site for the 2010 Annual Poppy Day Collection.



Why Accountability?

Feedback to Headquarters from our District Representatives indicates some concern over the need for sub branches to submit a statement of their financial affairs. With the responsibility of being an office bearer at a sub branch there is a need to demonstrate a degree of accountability to the League and its membership. Essentially, providing annual statements of financial affairs of the Sub Branch is a means of protection for those involved in sub branch administration. In recent times our Taxation Status – that is: being exempt the payment of Income Tax and GST etc has come under scrutiny and RSL Sub Branches can expect to be asked to provide not only financial accountability but also demonstrate that RSL funds are being applied in accordance with the Objects of the League.

The requirement for Sub Branches to provide State Branch with certain information – Annual Statement of Financial Affairs – is contained in the Constitution and compliance is obligatory. We expect your co operation. If there is a problem, or you need assistance then we are more than willing to assist.

National War Memorials

Following an approach from Maj-Gen Michael Jeffery we are including a brochure to raise awareness and solicit support for the construction of Memorials at the foot of ANZAC Parade in Canberra for World War 1 and World War 2. Full details are contained in the document and the nature of the support requested is available at their website www.mdc.org.au

Golf Day

The Annual Presidents Cup Competition will be held on Thursday 22 July 2010 at Meadow Springs Golf Course.

Please refer to Entry Form issued with the April edition of Sub Branch Signal

Further details available from Ken Hamilton at RACA Ph: 9370 0200



Proposed Merger of DFRDB and MSBS Boards with Comsuper

The National President has provided the following information:

“It seems almost certain that the proposed merger will not go ahead on 1 July 2010 because the Government is reluctant to introduce the relevant legislation into the Senate without a fairly good chance of it being passed. My understanding is that the Coalition remains resolutely opposed – and that the cross bench Senators are unlikely to be persuaded to accept the legislation without further amendment.

Minister Griffin contacted me by telephone twice today (Wednesday 23 June). I renewed my offer to meet with Ministers Tanner, Griffin and cross bench Senators – for which offer I was thanked. However, my suggestion that the Government consider amending the phrase “consult with” to “gain agreement with” the ex-service community for the appointment of the two members of the merged Board put forward by CDF appears not to have been the “circuit breaker” I hoped it might be. I don’t know whether this is because the Government was not prepared to go that far or because the cross bench Senators thought this was insufficient.

The future of the legislation depends upon whether the Parliament reassembles again before the next election; and then upon further negotiations. If the legislation lapses the likelihood is that the Government will blame the Opposition and other ex service organisations for disadvantaging serving ADF members whose MSBS returns are likely to be much less than they might have been had the merger gone ahead.

The RSL position remains that we negotiate persistently, persuasively but pragmatically with the Government of the day”.

Membership Statistics as at 26 June 2010

Service Members:	8,480
Affiliate Members:	1,529
Total:	10,009

CONGRESS AT THE ANZAC CLUB!

The ANZAC Club will be open on the evening of Friday 29 October 2010 for all members of the RSL with a Table d’hote menu following the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the State War Memorial



Come and enjoy below hotel prices drinks and the hospitality of the ANZAC Club



DVA invites you to attend the “Eat Well, Feel Great Food Fairs”

A great event for the veteran community
Come along and taste, feel and experience
the joy of great food!

Tuesday 20 July

City of Mandurah RSL
22 Third Avenue
Mandurah
10 am – 2 pm



Thursday 22 July

Claremont Showgrounds
Lou Giglia Dairy Pavilion,
Gate 8, Ashton Avenue,
Claremont
10 am – 2 pm

We have a sumptuous program for the day. Treats include; cooking demonstrations from Trevor Forster, contestant on the TV show “MasterChef”, from Nutrition Australia and Diabetes WA and entertainment by the Older Women’s Network.

There will be a variety of yummy food samples, the latest information on nutritious foods, how to shop and prepare meals easily and cheaply, great healthy BBQ ideas, a fun competition and some tasty temptations that make this an event not to be missed!

Please register on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 (country) so we know how many to cater for.

Enjoy!

from ... The WA DVA Veterans’ Health Week team

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