



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
Email: membership@rslwahq.org.au
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Welfare

Monday to Friday
Welfare Applications
Emergency Housing
Food & Lodging Grants
ASS&AR Trust Fund Applications.
Overseas Pensions
Email: welfare@rslwahq.org.au
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Advocacy

Monday to Friday
S31 Reviews
Veteran Review Board,
Admin Appeals Tribunal
Email: advocate@rslwahq.org.au
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Finance

Monday to Friday
All Account Enquiries
Sub - Branch Credits
Sub - Branch Insurance
Information, Claims
Grant Application Assistance
DVA & Lotterywest (ABN, tax)
Email: helenb@rslwahq.org.au
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Pensions

Monday to Friday
Pension Entitlements
Claims Preparation
Email: pensions1@rslwahq.org.au
pensions2@rslwahq.org.au
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ANZAC Club

Monday to Friday
Facilities Bookings
Catering & Hospitality
Email: anzacclub@rslwahq.org.au
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Listening Post

Monday to Friday
Editorial Staff
Email: listeningpost@rslwahq.org.au
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From the Presidents Pen...

Following the recent resignations of two members of the Board of Directors (Digger Cleak and Peter Fardon, both because of other pressing duties) and the earlier existing vacancies necessary changes and adjustments have been made to the Board & State Executive structure.

John McCourt will transfer from State Executive to the Board and two new members have been accepted. They are Judy Bland, who will be known to many of you through her long involvement with the Returned Ex-Service Women's Sub-Branch and younger/contemporary veteran Gavin Briggs. Gavin is currently a serving member of the RAAF reserve and also a member of our Younger Veterans forum.

Another recent addition to the Board is Scott Rogers, President of the Bellevue Sub-Branch. Scott is ex-army and the son of a veteran who served in Vietnam with the 7 Battalion RAR, so Scott comes with a good pedigree.

I welcome our three newcomers who bring with them fresh ideas and vast experience from Judy and the younger perspective from Scott and Gavin which RSLWA will need to carry it into the future.

John McCourt will take over as chair of the WA Veterans' Affairs Committee and will be amalgamated with Gavin and the Younger Veterans Committee to become WAVAC.

I have asked Judy and Donna Prytulak to oversee a Women in the RSL and Ex-service Community Forum to be held early in the new year.

It seems to me if we are going to grow the RSL into the future it will become crucial to ensure the views of serving and ex-service women are listened to and understood. However, more on the forum in the near future.

Our National Congress has just concluded and myself and your State Secretary attended. More detail is published in *The Listening Post* and will be available on various websites, however while WA is small in number with just two delegates in comparison to other states we made sure our voice was heard.

An important document which was accepted is the National Priority List for government consideration and these priorities included Fair Indexation, Veterans Disability Pension Rates, Additional Resources for the Improvement of Mental Health and BEST funding.

Another Resolution of Congress was:

“To endorse the decision of the Australian War Memorial to change its criteria for inclusion on the Roll of Honour those who have given their lives on peacekeeping or humanitarian operations.”

In conclusion I would like to congratulate Blue Ryan for his recent election to the position of National President of the T&PI Assoc. Blue is no stranger to this position and the challenges that go hand in hand with holding a national Chairman's position from WA.

I wish Blue well and I look forward to working constructively and in cooperation with him and his association in the future in the interests of veterans.

Cheers,
Graham Edwards AM

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The Returned & Services League of Australia
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proudly presents the

Poppy Picnic

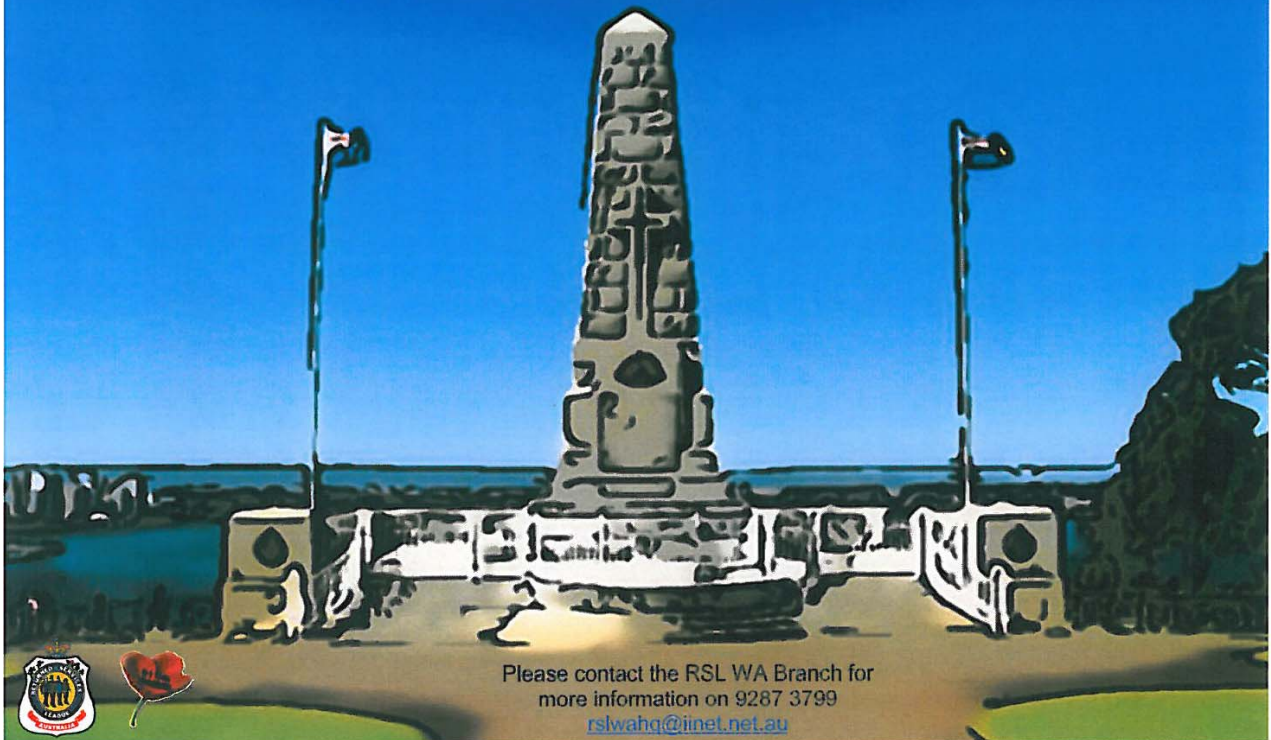
Monday, 11 November 2013
11.45 am

State War Memorial, Kings Park

*Bring your own picnic lunch and show your support
for our Service & Ex-Service Community*

*Tea, Coffee and Cake provided for a gold coin donation
by the Salvation Army*

Treasure Hunt for School Children available



Please contact the RSL WA Branch for
more information on 9287 3799
rslwahq@inet.net.au

Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Service 2013





Reminder of Return Dates!

ANZAC Day Sub-Branch Funding Applications - **OVERDUE - NO LATE ADMISSIONS**
 ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast Grant Applications - **OVERDUE - NO LATE ADMISSIONS**
 Poppy Day Order Form - **OVERDUE**
 State Congress Delegates Form & RSVP for President's Reception - **Friday, 4 October 2013**

From the CEO

Sub-Branch Governance

Increased public scrutiny of charities and the passage of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act (the Act) means that Office Bearers in not-for-profit organisations such as the RSL, its state branches, and local Sub-Branched have essentially the same duties and obligations as office bearers and directors of incorporated for profit organisations. The main difference is that the Act will take into account the size and scope of the organisation.

The fundamental duties and obligations of the office bearers regarding Compliance is in reviewing and monitoring the work of the organisation and its management to ensure that it is achieving its performance objectives and operating in accordance with its legal and regulatory obligations. It also encompasses the analysis and evaluation of strategic objectives and achievements.

Office Bearers vary considerably in the way they operate. There are no rules or pro forma models for the governance of an organisation. The Committee of an organisation makes decisions having regard to the objectives of the organisation and the risks involved, and these will be different for every organisation.

Some responsibilities of Office Bearers include:

- Operating according to Commonwealth and State laws and regulations and within the objectives set out in its constitution
- Ensuring that proper management of the organisation. It has the responsibility for recruiting and monitoring the performance of the senior Office Bearers
- Sufficient and secure funding to carry out its activities

These guidelines are to remind Sub-Branch Office Bearers to ensure they comply with any relevant legislation, to act ethically and to be aware of any liabilities to which they commit the Sub-Branch. Office Bearers should also be alert to the vicarious liability that may arise when they use third parties to carry out work on behalf of the RSL. Under new legislation, ignorance is not accepted as a defence and it is up to the office bearers to ensure they make themselves fully aware, to the extent that it is reasonably practice to do so, of what is going on. Failure to meet these duties and obligations is now a personal liability which is a marked change from the previous arrangements.

However, don't despair. Help is at hand for any Sub-Branch Office Bearer. If in doubt, contact State Branch, any member of the Board of Directors, or your Regional Representative. The State President, State Secretary and the State Executive have all received training in the duties of directors and they would be happy to provide you with any guidance you may need in respect of your duties as a Sub-Branch Office Bearer.

Flame of Remembrance, State War Memorial
 Monday, 11 November 2013 at 11.00 am
 (please be seated by 10.50 am)

Please inform RSL WA if you will be laying a wreath to ensure seating is available on 9287 3799 or rsllwahq@inet.net.au





HMAS STIRLING
presents
Breast Cancer Care Western Australia

High Tea

Sunday 20th October
1100 till 1430

Tickets \$20 (on sale 1st Aug 2013)

Sir James Stirling Mess
Discovery Way, Garden Island

Bookings & Questions
CPOML-S Toni Ralph
Email: toni.ralph@defence.gov.au

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Apply: Welfare Officer
(08) 9287 3707

Annual Report and Congress Agenda

The Annual Report and Congress Agenda was posted to Sub-Branches in mid-September. If you have not received or have lost this package please call RSL WA on 9287 3799 to arrange another copy.

**State Congress President's Reception is a ticketed event. Please ensure you return your reception attendance form so you have been catered for!!!
No ticket = no entry!**

SUB-BRANCH GOLF DAY

THE SUB-BRANCH CHALLENGE WILL BE HELD AT
GLEN IRIS GOLF CLUB

ON

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER.

MEET AND GREET AT 11 AM AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE.

TEE OFF AT 12 NOON, TWO TEE OFF, 1 AND 10.

BUFFETT EVENING MEAL AND PRESENTATION ON COMPLETION.

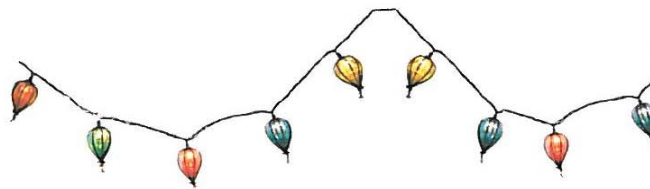
4 MAN AMBROSE WITH CARTS.
EXPECTED COST IS \$100.00 PER PLAYER APPROX
(YET TO BE CONFIRMED)

ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS PLEASE CONTACT
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Annual ANZAC Club Springtime Tea Dance



Tuesday, 15 October 2013

11.00 am – 2.00 pm

Entertainment to be provided by Bill Louwen & The Sapphires!

Including dancers from Daele Fraser Dance Studio

Morning Tea, Dancing, Lunch and Bar Services and the usual
fantastic value of the ANZAC Club.

Reserve your table or group for this fantastic morning of memories

Ph: ANZAC Club on 9287 2714

