

Organisations

The Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch (inc)

Election Type General

Roll Close 01 May 2020

Close of Nominations 01 May 2020 12 noon

Date of Election 05 Jun 2020

Returning Officer Garry Hawkes

State President (1)

Expiry of term 5 Jun 2023

Count Method Standard Preferential

Candidate	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
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ASPINALL, Peter			
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HOURN, Geoff			
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State Vice-President (1)

Expiry of term 5 Jun 2023

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Candidate	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
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ANDERSON, Duncan			
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MUNRO, Bill			
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Candidate	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
SPENCER, Royce			

Life or Service Member from a Sub-Branch located within and who resides in the Metropolitan Region (3)

Expiry of term	5 Jun 2023
Count Method	Standard Preferential

Candidate	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
CASHMAN, Robert			
COLLIDGE, Bill			
EDWARDS, Graham			
IRVIN, Geoffrey			
SPENCER, Royce			

Life or Service Member from a Sub-Branch located within and who resides in Regional Western Australia (3)

Expiry of term	5 Jun 2023
Count Method	Standard Preferential

Candidate	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
ANDERSON, Duncan			
GIBSON, Wayne			
MORRIS, Ken			
STARCEVICH, George			
STEENBACH, Robyn			

**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF
AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC****ELECTION OF STATE PRESIDENT
5 JUNE 2020****ASPINALL, Peter**

I am seeking the honour to continue as your State President as RSLWA embarks on a new era of support to all members and new contemporary veterans who are joining our ranks.

We have come a long way. But there is a lot more yet to be done. The future needs continued strong leadership that is focussed on successful Sub-Branches that enable better services.

With the support of a great Board, we've built new partnerships that's reshaping our service delivery, forged sound financial governance, secured fully tax deductible gift status and developed the highly successful Sub-Branch online toolbox.

What's to come? The completion of the new ANZAC House Veteran Central building, rolling out Veteran Hubs throughout the State and shoring up our Sub-Branch base as we start emerging from the Coronavirus pandemic.

The next three years are crucial to cementing our long-term future. I offer myself to complete the job.

HOURN, Geoff

Restoring public confidence in RSLWA, and SubBranch confidence, requires our Board to change.

The current focus, of centralising RSLWA, needs resetting. Huge headquarter overheads don't inevitably improve veteran welfare.

Reaching out to veterans, particularly tackling the scourge of veteran suicide, is best done within communities, large and small.

Maintaining and reinforcing SubBranches, in local communities where veterans live, is critical. A pathway for SubBranch regeneration is needed.

Reestablishing influence for the ex-service community requires a competent, articulate spokesperson and strong leadership. Consultation, openness and inclusiveness are essential.

Relevant experience:

Executive Director Investigations, Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Chairman, Serious White Collar Crime Liaison Committee.

Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Australian Institute of Management.

RSLWA State Vice-President, Chairman Constitution Committee.

SubBranch President, Warden.

International scholarship and Army Board Prize for leadership.

Member Veterans' Review Board 1998-05, 2008-18

I call on your support to reset RSLWA for the better.

**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF
AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC****ELECTION OF STATE VICE-PRESIDENT
5 JUNE 2020****ANDERSON, Duncan**

I am a veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq having served for 15 years as a regular Army Officer. I am currently a part of the Australian Defence Force response to the COVID crisis and Battery Commander of 3 Battery as an Officer in the Reserves, and a sheep farmer in the South West.

I was the Managing Director of South Regional TAFE for 6 ½ years, responsible for 10 000 – 11 000 students annually, a staff of approximately 700, a balance sheet of \$120 million in a geographical area spanning from Bunbury to Esperance. I have been a board Chair, held board positions, including at the National level, and am a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course.

I am committed to the welfare of all veterans and their families. A leadership role in RSL(WA) is an incredible privilege and one that I would value very highly.

MUNRO, Bill

Bill Munro is President of Highgate and a Sub-Warden of the State War Memorial. His National Service included 10 months with 2RAR in Vietnam. He joined Highgate in 1969 and two years later, was elected Sub-Branch President for the standard two-years; then elected to RSLWA's State Executive where he chaired the ANZAC House Committee. An experienced company director and chairman, Bill has served on the boards of the State Housing Commission and WA Blind Institute; and currently, the National Board of the Prostate Cancer Foundation and its WA Chairman. Current directorships include chairing the Perth Korean Memorial Committee, an international F3 motor racing team and a liquor distribution company.

Bill's commercial and not-for-profit experience as a merchant banker and finance director provide wide corporate management and business competencies that qualify him to serve our Ex-Service community as RSLWA State Vice President.

SPENCER, Royce

I have had the privilege of serving the members of RSLWA for the past three years as a Director and Board member and also as the Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee. During this time, the Board has been very successful in introducing effective control and governance of our considerable resources, enhanced veteran services and importantly, initiated many new innovations within a strategic plan, to continuously improve veteran services now, and into the future.

I joined the RSL in 2010 whilst still serving in the RAN and became very interested in the role it plays in support of all veterans and their families, which I wished to be an active part of, when I retired. I am a past President of Mt Hawthorn RSL Sub Branch and continue my service at the State level.

I seek your support for another term to continue my service.

**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF
AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC****ELECTION OF LIFE OR SERVICE MEMBER
METROPOLITAN REGION 5 JUNE 2020****CASHMAN, Robert**

Veterans have earned the right to be listened to, and they deserve only the best representation on the Board. Our sub branches are the lifeblood of the RSL, not in an office environment somewhere in the City. Our RSL needs your thoughts, your energy and your passion. That is the only way we can turn our progressive ideas into real change for our veterans in our communities. More than ever, Veterans and their families need assistance, empathy and leadership from their RSL. And while Catering Corps was where I cut my teeth in the Army, what defines me today is my passion for my eternal belief that the average Digger is entitled to have their voice heard, and I am prepared to be that voice. I call on your support to reset RSLWA for the better. Thank you for your consideration.

COLLIDGE, Bill

Bill Collidge was a police officer for 38 years, retiring as a Senior Sergeant. He served in both General Duties and the Criminal Investigation Branch. He was elected President of the Riverton Sub-branch in March 2019. He enlisted in RAN in 1964 and served in HMA Warships Stuart and Perth. Two operational deployments saw him on the gun-line in Vietnam in warship Perth. He joined the RSL in Sydney NSW in 1969. He enlisted in the Active Australian Army Reserve in 1973 - serving in 16 RWAR, 28 IRC and 11/28 RWAR. He was discharged in 1993 in the rank of Captain RAINF. Bill transferred to Defence Force Cadets as a Training Officer 1993 and is still serving in the WA AAC BDE HQ as OC of the Army Cadet Unit in Banksia Hill Detention Centre. He has been happily married to Leonie for 39 years.

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**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF
AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC****ELECTION OF LIFE OR SERVICE MEMBER
METROPOLITAN REGION 5 JUNE 2020****EDWARDS, Graham**

In 2012 I was elected for a three year term as State President. I served for four years and believe this is sufficient time in that position. When I left I firmly believed RSLWA had recovered to a strong position with a positive future. Now I am not so sure. I am concerned that both metropolitan and regional sub-branches are no longer considered relevant or important and are losing their voices and to the city. I further believe that Board members and senior staff should have a clear, concise, complete and supportive understanding of sub-branches, their needs and their relevance. These qualities are crucial to the stability, success and wellbeing of our sub-branches and our RSL. For these reasons I again seek your support to help reset RSLWA for the better.

IRVIN, Geoffrey

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SPENCER, Royce

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**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF
AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC****ELECTION OF LIFE OR SERVICE MEMBER
REGIONAL WESTERN AUSTRALIA 5 JUNE 2020****ANDERSON, Duncan**

I am a veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq having served for 15 years as a regular Army Officer. I am currently a part of the Australian Defence Force response to the COVID crisis and Battery Commander of 3 Battery as an Officer in the Reserves, and a sheep farmer in the South West. I was the Managing Director of South Regional TAFE for 6 ½ years, responsible for 10 000 – 11 000 students annually, a staff of approximately 700, a balance sheet of \$120 million in a geographical area spanning from Bunbury to Esperance. I have been a board Chair, held board positions, including at the National level, and am a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course. I am committed to the welfare of all veterans and their families. A leadership role in RSL(WA) is an incredible privilege and one that I would value very highly.

GIBSON, Wayne

I served in Vietnam with the 8th Royal Australian Regiment and joined the Kondinin RSL Sub-Branch in 1971. I was appointed a RSLWA Life Member in 2019 in recognition of 48 years' service as an enthusiastic member of regional Sub-Branches. I am a committed and strong advocate for country towns. Please support my nomination as Regional Director of RSLWA so I can continue to work towards a better member and family focused RSLWA. RSL Positions; Life member RSLWA 2019, President Jurien RSL 2011-2014 and 2018-present, Vice President RSL Jurien 2009-2011, President Kondinin RSL 2004-2008, Secretary/Treasurer Kondinin RSL 1981-2004. Community Service; Councillor Shire of Dandaragan, Past Shire President of Dandaragan and Councillor of the Shire of Kondinin, Past President WA Farmers Federation Corrigin and Lake Grace Zone, Former Director Australian Wheat Board International, Chair Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group.

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**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF
AUSTRALIA (WA BRANCH) INC****ELECTION OF LIFE OR SERVICE MEMBER
REGIONAL WESTERN AUSTRALIA 5 JUNE 2020****MORRIS, Ken**

I served in the RAAF from 1967 until 1991 as a RADTECHA maintaining electronic equipment in a large variety of aircraft types - eventually reaching the rank of Warrant Officer. Resigning in 1991 I moved my family to a small property in Greenough where I engaged in beekeeping, building commercial websites and operating a dog boarding kennel. In 2007 when our children became independent my wife Jenny and I sold up and caravanned around Australia for four years. We cared for the Durack Museum at Lake Argyle for four Kimberley seasons, travelling the rest of the year. In 2011 we moved into a unit we had bought in Geraldton and I rejoined Geraldton RSL sub-branch, becoming a committee member soon after. I'm currently Vice President. I was elected to the Board of RSLWA in June 2017 and believe I have been a useful contributor. I hope to continue that work.

STARCEVICH, George

Served in the Navy for twenty years. Service and good conduct Medals. 7 Volunteer at the Pink Lake Bushfire Brigade (15 years). Announcer at HopeFM 103.9 Esperance Community Radio. Inaugural C.O. of T.S.Kybra Naval Cadets and on original committee for Esperance Men in Sheds. Elected member, Local Government (8) years. Sub Branch since 1995. Bar manager since then. Caterer until a couple of years ago. Two years as Junior Vice. Eleven and half as President. Stepped down in September 2016 (ill health). Still do what I can but not as much as I used to. I do a bit on the welfare side and help out where I can. I am a life member of the R.S.L. I am putting my hand up for this election to try and help fight the decline in country R.S.Ls. I call on your support to reset RSLWA for the better.
George.

STEENBACH, Robyn

It's been my honour to serve on the RSLWA Board for just shy of three years. During this time, the Board have been very successful in supporting and enhancing the services that RSLWA is able to provide to our Veterans.

I was able to introduce Regional Board meetings, which has been of great benefit to our rural members. It has provided easier access to the Board, and the opportunity for members to raise issues and concerns direct to the Board. I left the RAN in 2007, moved to Kalgoorlie and began working in HR/Recruitment Services, through that work I have assisted Veterans find employment outside the Services. This is an area, I find very rewarding and necessary, as Defence Members we speak differently, that needs to be translate so employers understand the value and asset of ex Defence personal. I seek your vote so I can continue to serve.