

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT LIMITED

COUNCIL MEETING 2 DECEMBER 2021

MINUTES

151/21 CALL TO ORDER: 6.01PM

152/21 HOUSEKEEPING: Delegates and visitors attending were made aware of the standard housekeeping policy.

153/21 SILENCE TRIBUTE, VALE & ODE: The Vale for November was read by George Royes, Greenbank's Delegate and a minute's silence was observed.

154/21 WELCOME: Kerry Gallagher AM, District President extended a warm welcome to the Delegates, SED Board members and visitors in attendance to the last Council Meeting of the year, and also to those on-line.

155/21 PRESENT:

a. Executive: Kerry Gallagher AM, District President; Judith Munday OAM, Treasurer; Judy Alterator, Company Secretary; Doug Egan, Senior Vice President; Peter Murray, Vice President; Steve Monteath, Vice President and District Welfare Officer; Matthew Rowe, Vice President.

b. Councillors:

BAYSIDE SOUTH	Richard Smith
BEAUDESERT	Jon Forbe-Smith
BEERWAH & DISTRICT	Neville Layt
BULIMBA DISTRICT	Brian Daley OAM
CITY / NEW FARM	Dr Susan Kellett
COORPAROO & DISTRICTS	Dennis Collyer
DARRA & DISTRICT	Ted Fotek
DEFENCE SERVICE NURSES	Ann Martin
DEFENCE SERVICEWOMEN'S	Eve Radford
FOREST LAKE & DISTRICTS	Alan Greig
GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY	Peter Murray
GREATER SPRINGFIELD	Troy Best (on-line)
GREENBANK	George Royes
HOLLAND PARK MT GRAVATT	Michael Weibler
KILCOY	Shane Williams
LOGAN VILLAGE	Garry Alterator OAM
MACLEAY ISLAND	Len Waldorff (on-line)
MANLY LOTA	Peter Kinsella
NERANG	Darren Sapwell (on-line)
REDLANDS	Alan Harcourt

SALISBURY
SPRINGWOOD TRI-SERVICES
STEPHENS
SUNNYBANK
TOOWONG
TRAMWAYS

Tony Stevenson OAM
Gary Sargent
John Strachan OAM
Hugh Polson
Ross Williamson
Grahame Fullerton

156/21 VISITORS: John Pascoe, Bayside South; Carol Castles, Beaudesert RSL Sub Branch; Joanne Crocker, Beaudesert RSL Sub Branch; Liz Layt, Beerwah & District RSL Sub Branch; Brian Laing, Bulimba District RSL Sub Branch; Adrian Pate, City / New Farm RSL Sub Branch; Dan Baldwin, Forest Lake & Districts; Steve Cook, Nerang RSL Sub Branch (on-line); Ian Gray, Redlands RSL Sub Branch; Linda Harcourt, Redlands RSL Sub Branch; Alex Garlin, Salisbury RSL Sub Branch; Harry Claassen, Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch; Kalie Ashenden, General Manager Network & Membership.

157/21 APOLOGIES: Kenneth Cook, Ashgrove-Bardon RSL Sub Branch; George Churchward, Forest Lake & Districts RSL Sub Branch.

MOTION

“That the Apologies be accepted.”

Moved: Judy Alterator

Seconded: Salisbury

CARRIED

158/21 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

Standing Conflict of Interest Declarations – Positions held by Board members:
Kerry Gallagher AM – AATTV Association and Chair of Anzac Day Committee
Judith Munday OAM – RSL Qld State Tribunal
Judy Alterator – President, Logan Village RSL Sub-Branch Inc.
Peter Murray – Delegate, Glasshouse RSL Sub Branch Inc.
Doug Egan – President, Greater Springfield RSL Sub Branch Inc.
Steve Monteath – Senior Vice President, Beaudesert

MOTION

“That the Conflict of Interest Declarations be accepted.”

Moved: Judy Alterator

Seconded: Logan Village

CARRIED

159/21 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4th November 2021

MOTION

“That the minutes of the previous meeting’s date be taken as read.”

Moved: Judy Alterator

Seconded: Tramways

CARRIED

160/21 AMENDMENTS: Nil

161/21 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

The Delegate from Manly Lota advised that under 143/21 (page 4) there may be tax problems and a wait of two years regarding ‘a lot of interest in the block’ at Logan. The District President thanked him for his advice.

162/21 ACTION ITEMS

As discussed.

163/21 CORRESPONDENCE – Inwards and Outwards

Correspondence this month has been taken up mainly with State AGM and getting prepared for SED AGM. Out - I would like to draw your attention to the email received from Bill Whitburn regarding the model constitutions. If you didn't receive it, please ask Julia for a copy. I would like to thank Julia for her update that she puts out on a regular basis.

Several members national awards have been sent out to SBs for ratification and they are on their way up to State and on-forwarding to National for their approval. In – The Royal Commission is taking up a lot of people's time and we wish them well to get the right income. If anyone has any issues with the Art Union in your area selling tickets in your area when you are trying to sell badges, can you please let Judy know. There should be some negotiation on that. Beaudesert's comments have already been sent to State.

MOTION

"That the Inwards be received and the Outwards be adopted"

Moved: Judy Alterator

Seconded: Defence Servicewomen's

CARRIED

164/21 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

165/21 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The District President has been asked on a number of occasions to provide to Council a recommendation both from the Board and the Chair and he doesn't intend to give any advice on the AGM as this is the singular time that every member of our association gets to have a voice. Their voice shouldn't be muted or suffocated by anything that the District President or Board should provide from this forum. It is a really important decision that the Members get to have their say and the majority will get their wish. The District President insisted that the Sub Branches of the District should take time to consider those issues that are coming up at the AGM and take a stand based on the majority view of their Members.

The District President reintroduced Kalie Ashenden, General Manager Network & Membership who is our representative from State. Should you have any issues, Kalie will be able to direct you to the right person to find a quick solution.

The Council was thanked for its commitment at the end of this calendar year, for attending and putting their views to the SED because, apart from the Board's visits out to the Sub Branches, this is the only way the Board can get a direct and accurate message from the Members. The District President was extremely grateful to the Board of SED for their input, support and loyalty over the last year and he publicly thanked Judy, Julia and the team that work in and around the office for their support of SED. Without that SED couldn't hope to do the work that they are setup to do.

He wished all in attendance a happy and peaceful Christmas surrounded by love and their family.

166/21 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer moved her financial statements as presented.

MOTION

"That the financial statements be received and current accounts be passed for payment"

Moved: Judith Munday OAM

Seconded: Manly Lota

CARRIED

SED SOLVENCY STATEMENT

"That in the Management Committee's opinion, the Returned and Services League of Australia South Eastern District Ltd is solvent and there are reasonable grounds to believe that it will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable".

MOTION

"That the Solvency Statement has been accepted."

Moved: Judith Munday OAM

Seconded: Bulimba

CARRIED

167/21 REPORTS

- a. SED District Wellbeing Report – Steve Monteath asked that his report be tabled as read with special thanks to Sunnybank and Greenslopes for the effort that they have been putting into wellbeing.
- b. Sub Branch Reports – Bayside South, Beaudesert, Beerwah & District, Forest Lake & Districts, Greenbank, Kilcoy, Macleay Island, Salisbury (October and November)

It was agreed that a copy of the article that the Delegate from Forest Lake & Districts writes for the local newspaper should be sent to the District Secretary for inclusion in the reports.

- c. Sub Branch Newsletters – Sunnybank plus Community Activities and 2022 Calendar
- d. Membership Demographics – The Senior Vice President
The Senior Vice President reported that there would be plan for memberships once Delegates have voted at next week's State AGM on the Constitution and it is known whether we are working with or without the MVP.

The SED State Delegate reported on the Royal Commission which is currently being presented on television. RSL Qld have requested that anyone who is approached by the media, or would like some advice, they should contact the RSL Qld media team. This is to prevent any unwarranted commentary as the Royal Commission should be held truthfully without bias or opinions. RSL Qld want to show solidarity in the results of this investigation but understand that it is an emotional subject. If there are any questions, please direct these to the Senior Vice President. The Delegate from Logan Village reported that he had received a subpoena from the Royal Commission. His role was Transition Officer in Queensland.

The SED State Delegate reported that there was nothing further to report on the Courier Mail discount.

MOTION

“That the reports be accepted as presented.”

Moved: Darra

Seconded: Forest Lake

CARRIED

168/21 HONOURS AND AWARDS: Nil

169/21 General Business

1. The Company Secretary reported on the following:
 - An email would be circulated tomorrow regarding the SED 100th birthday luncheon to be held on 27th August 2022. It will be the opening event for Events on Oxlade after their renovations and is hoped to be based on an Officers' Mess theme. If the renovations are not completed in time, it will be held in a marquee.
 - The first 2022 SED Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, 1st February and will be held monthly from that date up until December, to fall in line with State's board meetings. To ensure that all SED documentation is sent up to State in a more-timely manner, SED board meetings are being moved to the second Tuesday of the month. Please send any items for State's approval, eg Honours & Awards or COF applications to the Company Secretary at least by the last Tuesday of the previous month.
 - SED AGM will be on Saturday, 19th February and the first 2022 Council Meeting will be on 3rd March and will be held monthly from that date.
 - Due to positive comments from this year's Life members' & President's Lunch, this event will be combined again in 2022. The date is still to be confirmed.
2. The District Secretary had some updates:
 - Registration for the State Congress will be at the RNA Showground next week (not at the Delegates' accommodation).
 - SED AGM nominations will close on 19th December.
 - Diaries are arriving on Monday and they will be available for Delegates to collect at the State AGM.
3. Salisbury's Delegate questioned the date for the 2022 State AGM and this is to be confirmed after the State AGM.
4. Darra's Delegate reported that he was disappointed that only four Sub Branches attended Sunnybank's event in November.
5. Manly Lota's Delegate reported that, after 20 years, all the renovations to their building have now been completed. There is a new deck on the back of the building and there was an event to officially open it to the public. He also reported that they have 5 new members.
6. Sunnybank's Delegate reported that:
 - They have a bright red, motorised wheelchair (size of a golf buggy) that they purchased for about \$6500.00 four or five years ago and loaned it to a fellow who

had no DVA entitlements. It is now available if any Sub Branch would be interested in buying it.

- In relationship to SED's 100 years' celebration, in consultation with others, the Sunnybank's Delegate proposed to make a presentation at the SED AGM in February, complete with costings. It is hoped that the current committee of one will grow exponentially.
7. Regarding the appointment of directors at the State AGM, a discussion took place as to whether those directors would have the ability to make decisions on welfare and commemorations once they are elected. Beaudesert's Delegate queried whether the proposed two new Board Directors (experts in their field but non-service members) would have a voting right. Kalie Ashenden agreed to consult Bill Whitburn and clarify this before the State AGM.

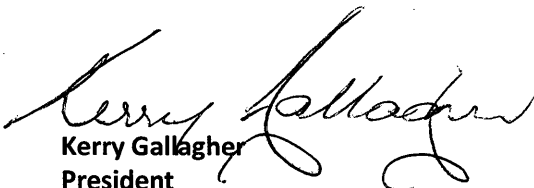
170/21 SUB BRANCH UPDATES

Greenbank's Delegate gave a presentation. They have 1,000 members but unfortunately only a small group of those are active. There are a lot of members in the upper age bracket who are limited in what they can do. They have a very competent new assistant to the management team and Nicole is second to none. The Sub Branch has received extra support from the Club, such as financial guidance and up to date information about the changes to the club industry. This may or may not have some effect on the Sub Branch. It is a two-way street. The Wellbeing team has been busy with claims, on-going cases and home visits. Every Thursday there is a drop-in session at the Sub Branch with morning tea provided at no cost to members. Every so often they hold a BBQ which is usually attended by about 30 members. They had a bus trip last week to Kirra Surf Club for lunch where there was a good atmosphere and they were well looked after. The Club has just undergone a huge revamp and there has been repair work in the memorial gardens (the guns have been repainted). The feedback from members was very positive and he encouraged everyone to come out for a visit.

171/21 NEXT MEETING – Thursday, 3rd March commencing at 6.00pm.

173/21 CLOSURE

There was no further business and the District President wished all in attendance a very happy Christmas. The meeting was declared closed at 6.40pm.


Kerry Gallagher
President


Judy Alterator
Company Secretary