



STATE PRESIDENT MESSAGE TO MEMBERS MAY 2018

Dear Members,

ANZAC Day, April 25, 2018 marked the 103rd anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing. The significance of this year will be commemorated as the Centenary of the Armistice on November 11, 2018.

This year also was a great day of commemoration and education for all South Australians, Territorians and those folks in Broken Hill. Personally I was amazed at the great effort given by all our members, that great community organisation, the general public volunteers and staff.

Adelaide Dawn Service, ANZAC March and the Cross of Sacrifice: With months in the making the collective efforts of Ian Smith, Tony Chaplin, the ANZAC Day Committee, Tony Bickle and all the volunteers that worked tirelessly to pull the Commemorative Services together, I thank you.

This event could not have gone forward without the support and cooperation of SA Police, State Government, the Adelaide City Council and last but not least, the RSL SA Staff. With staff resources being limited this year, the results proved a high standard, and the dedication of the staff to see the commemorative services to fruition.

Youth Vigil: The 2018 ANZAC Youth Vigil was a complete success. My thanks to Vince Scotland, the Youth Vigil Committee, and the volunteers for the great efforts in organising the event in the city. My thanks to the Youth that participated across the state in this important Vigil. Affordable Marquees, Kennard's Hire, Kyton's Bakery, Vilis Cakes, and McDonalds made sure all involved in the Youth Vigil were well covered, fed and watered.

ANZAC Appeal: Thus far over \$34,000.00 has been raised, generated from, AFL ANZAC Round, ANZAC Appeal collections in the City, and RAAF base Edinburgh. This does not include funds raised from our Sub branches; these figures will not be available for several weeks.

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ANZAC on Torrens – After March Activity: The RSL has returned to handing back the reins to Defence organisations and volunteers to run the after-ANZAC commemorations gathering at Torrens Parade Ground. Once again we could not have succeeded without the assistance of the Military Unit Associations, 3rd Health Support Battalion, 7 RAR, TS Noarlunga Cadets, CUB, Volunteers, Lions Club of, Bush Artillery Historical Association, Toll Transport Group, Vilis, Buttercup Bakery, Bank SA, The Cheer-up Hut. As demonstrated above there is no lack of support for the RSL when it comes to commemorations and in honouring those that have given the greatest sacrifice of life for us. We look forward to uniting again in 2019.

I wanted to take some time to provide you with an update on some of the activities we are working on at the State Branch.

Advocacy and Welfare: We are currently working on over 200 advocacy and welfare cases. We are running at full speed and commend those Sub branches that are directly or indirectly supporting this effort.

Finance: Although we are still under the Deeds of Company Arrangement (DOCA) I am happy to report that we are running ahead of budget and look to come out from under the DOCA as scheduled on August 17, 2018. Once again I would like to thank the valued support of the RAR Sub branch and their purchase of their club house building that went a long way to assisting the State Branch.

Governance: We are currently on track to meet our compliance requirements with the Australian Charities and Not –For-Profits Commission. I would encourage all Sub-branches to look at their own governance arrangements moving forward. We at State branch will be developing a suite of easy to use governance documents in the near future for the use of all Sub branches.
Best wishes to all of you and to the future of the Returned & Services League.

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RESULTS OF THE 2018 NOMINATION/ELECTION PROCESS FOR PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBERS & REGIONAL COORDINATORS FOR RSL SA/NT

By Peter Ali
 CEO, Legacy Club of Adelaide
 Returning Officer, 2018 RSL SA/NT elections

1. Nominations

- a. **President** – Bronson Horan
- b. **Board members** – Trevor Whitelaw (Brighton), Cheryl Cates (Largs Bay), Bob Shewring (Darwin), Wayne Langford (Tea Tree Gully)
- c. **Regional Coordinators** – Wayne Langford (A4 North), David Laing (C2 Murray), Brad Flaherty (E1 West Eyre Peninsula and E2 South Eyre Peninsula), Garry Wellington (G1 Stanley), Bob Shewring (H1 & H2 Northern Territory)

2. Election Process

There was only one nomination for each vacant position and therefore in accordance with Section 14 (a) of By-Law 9, the returning officer has declared that all candidates are duly elected.

3. Terms to be served

- a. **Regional Coordinators** – full term of three (3) years
- b. **Board members** – in order that the retirement of board members be staggered rather than occurring all in the same year, the Returning Officer drew lots to determine the terms to be served. The result of this process was as follows;
 - i. President Bronson Horan – 1 year
 - ii. Tony Flaherty – 1 year still to serve as he was duly elected in 2016
 - iii. Wayne Langford – 2 years
 - iv. Trevor Whitelaw – 2 years
 - v. Bob Shewring – 3 years
 - vi. Cheryl Cates – 3 years

4. Time for Taking Office

In accordance with Section 27 of By-Law 9, successful nominees will take up their positions at the Conclusion of the Business Day of the 2018 Sub-Branch Conference.

5. Appointments to the Board

In accordance with Section 39.1 (b) the elected board members will identify and recruit up to three (3) external persons to be appointed to the board to ensure skills gaps are rectified. Members will be notified of these appointments via a communication from State Branch to their Sub-Branch Secretaries as the appointments occur.

A friendly reminder the 2018 RSL-SA 100th Annual State Conference and AGM is to take place at Torrens Training Depot, Drill Hall on Saturday July 14, 2018.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bronson L. Horan".

Bronson Horan State President,
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