



The Returned &
Services League of Australia
(SA Branch) Inc

2020 Annual Report



RSL
South Australia



75th
ANNIVERSARY
VE AND VP
DAY

Image above: RAAF ground crew and trainees – in the combined march of RAAF and WAAAF personnel in Melbourne, commemorated VP Day in 1945. Australian War Memorial

Front cover: A crowd celebrates VE day marking the German surrender in the second world war, May 1945. The Guardian ©

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RSL SA gratefully acknowledges the financial contribution of the Government of South Australia.





STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020

Mrs Cheryl Cates

We have had quite the start to 2020!! From bushfires commencing late in 2019 and continuing into the beginning of 2020 and now to a pandemic. It has been a year almost without precedent. We have had to invent new ways of doing things and have been reminded of the goodness inherent in some old-fashioned ways; of looking out for one another, placing real value on spending time with family and friends, and thinking deeply about what truly matters.

Our focus continues to remain on our core pillars of Advocacy, Welfare, Mateship, Commemoration and Sustainability. Work continued with our compliance and was coupled with the normal RSL functions. While not evident to all, progress is continuing in many areas.

We continue to promote the interests and welfare of Australia's defence families which include current and past serving men and women and their families. We have been working with a wide range of partners to deliver holistic services that focus on helping current and past serving men and women return to health, work and civilian life. We are a diverse team and will continue to conduct ourselves in an open, honest and accountable manner in everything we do, at the same time valuing respect, being bound by integrity and united through mateship.

COVID-19

Unfortunately, this has become a dreaded word in Australian society these days and the cause of these unprecedented times. With up-to-date directives from the State Government, we have kept our Sub-Branches informed with the 'Roadmaps' to recovery as they have come to hand. All Sub-Branches were put into lockdown and many took the opportunity to carry out maintenance work and are slowly opening as they can comply with the latest information. Many also applied for the stimulus packages that were available through the State and Federal Governments. We thank them all for their cooperation.

Governance

The State Branch continues to work to ensure that our governance framework is heading in the right direction. This year saw us develop a new strategic plan which encompassed strategic priorities for the Board, People and Culture, Veterans Services, Membership, Commemoration and Fundraising and Sponsorship. While we achieved approximately 70% of the strategic priorities, work is ongoing in all these areas to achieve and deliver outcomes.

Brand

All Sub-Branches were sent the new Brand Style Guide as adopted by the National Board to be implemented by 31st December 2020. This was essential to ensure that everything we do should support and strengthen the reputation of the RSL, pride in our Branch and continue to build trust and effectively present the RSL as a single, unified entity to veterans, our Defence family and the public.

Advocacy

Our Advocates are working continuously to support the needs of our veteran community. The load is shared passionately between too few Advocates however, with consistent training plans in place, the workload will begin to be spread out among more Advocates.

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In 2020, RSL SA/NT Advocates have assisted approximately:

- 1200 veterans
- 1185 claims have been lodged under VEA, MRCA, SRCA and Income Support including appeals and the Veterans Review Board
- Over \$13,00 has been spent on Advocacy and Social Welfare transactions through food and fuel vouchers, as well as support with temporary accommodation for Veterans in crisis
- 163 volunteer hours have been spent assisting Veterans

RSL SA/NT currently has four volunteer Advocates and Steve Ceissmann is back as our paid Advocate training our Level 1 Advocate, Wesley Woulleman. Our Advocacy team works closely with numerous ESOs to ensure our Veterans are supported and have a network of people they can turn to in hard times.

Commemoration

In 2020 ANZAC Day, our most significant day of the year on Australia's calendar was scaled back heavily and only allowed for city Dawn Services across the country to accord with restrictions that were in place. Our Anzac Day Commemorations Committee under the leadership of Mr Ian Smith had exceedingly difficult times to be able to deliver a very small, but appropriate Dawn Service with minimal invited guests upon approval from the Commissioner of Police, Grant Stevens. This became evidently difficult as COVID-19 took over and the goal posts changed each day as to what degree this could be carried out. There was no March, public attendance or celebrations afterwards. Sub-Branches carried out their Anzac Day Commemorations with minimal attendance by members to no public attendance at their Dawn Services. Veterans were encouraged to visit memorials throughout the day and participate in the 'Light Up the Dawn', an initiative taken up nationally allowing all walks of life to commemorate from their driveways and balconies. We thank all the Sub-Branches for their contribution and were most impressed in the way they handled their scaled back services.

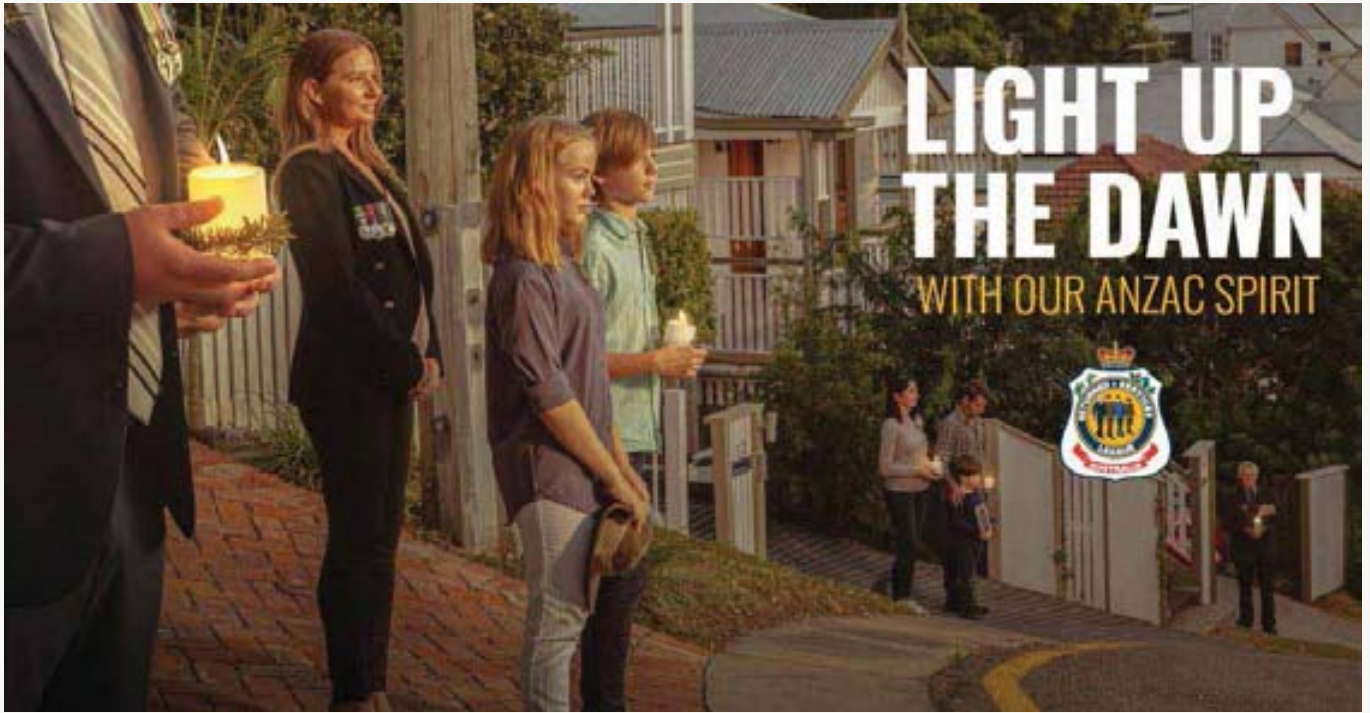
A very small Commemorative Service was conducted at the State War Memorial for the 75th Anniversary of the Victory in Europe on the 8th May with minimal invited guests.



As COVID-19 restrictions started to ease, we were able to conduct the 75th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific on the 15th August at the State War Memorial. This was a successful commemoration and in conjunction with Veterans SA, we were able to bring this to the public and those World War Two Veterans who were able to attend. The service was live streamed and wonderful stories told by some of our Veterans. In conjunction with the State Premier and Minister for Veterans Affairs, we were able to produce a certificate to commemorate this significant event. These certificates were given to many of these Veterans and were well received.

Our Remembrance Day Service, although down on numbers, was able to go ahead, again on a smaller scale, with Ian Smith delivering a meaningful address. We were very fortunate to have the Federation Guard as the Catafalque Party for the Service. The annual Breakfast of Remembrance again, was a huge success with a very engaging speaker in Mr Peter Brune.

"We Will Remember Them" and "Lest We Forget" are very familiar words to all of us and we shouldn't lose sight of them. The Virtual War Memorial Australia is an outstanding commemorative collect, purpose built to



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honour the personal experiences of all those who have served the nation in times of conflict, from the Boer War through to Afghanistan. It pays special honour to those who lost their lives as a result of their service and equally honours those who returned, forever changed. Their mission is to provide a worthy home in perpetuity, for the records and the personal experiences of all individuals who have served and the impact of this service on the individuals themselves, their families and communities. Register online with the Virtual War Memorial Australia at www.vwma.org.au or email research@vwma.org.au to find out information of how you can honour a family member by providing stories and photos. Their wonderful staff and volunteers are all too happy to assist.

Membership

Although there was a noticeable decline in membership this year, it was understandable due to the conditions of lockdown for some time of our Sub-Branches.

Membership increased towards the end of the year and it is pleasing to see that Sub-Branches are continuing to work hard in maintaining levels, engaging with their community and improving their service offering at their facilities. For many Sub-Branches, there has been a great increase in younger Veterans, and we would encourage you all to continue in reaching out to these men and women, they are our future.

Our membership figures for 2020 were:

- 3,435 Service Members
- 129 Life Members
- 4 Honorary Life Members
- 129 Life Subscribers
- 4,353 Affiliates

Constitution Rewrite

Our Constitution Rewrite Committee welcomed two new members in John Minagall and Ted Forward. Sub-Branches were sent out copies of the rewrite for comment back to the Committee. The Committee is continuing to work to bring this to the membership and it is hoped that it will be ready in time for the 2021 Annual Sub-Branch Conference for approval.

Avoca

You may be aware and have read the media regarding hotels in South Australia taking a hard hit, some having to close their doors. While some hotels have fallen on hard times, the Avoca continues to trade. It has not been

easy, however, the wonderful team, throughout these difficult times have volunteered their time and have been working tirelessly to upgrade and refurbish areas throughout the hotel. A huge thank you goes out to them all. The Board of the Hotel with Trevor Whitelaw as Chair and Board Members in Rob Gillies, Steve Larkins and myself have continued to oversee and put in place what we have had to, to keep the Avoca viable and moving forward. Our CEO David Grenvold and Finance and Administration Manager Michael Hanton have been on hand with excellent advice, and for the last 12 months under the restrictions, the Avoca has surprised us all and traded very well. We have had some excellent feedback in the service that is being provided. Some Ex-Service Organisations continue to patronise the hotel with their Association gatherings on a regular basis. If you are in the area at any time, pay the crew a visit. RSL Members obtain a generous discount on meals and beverages.

Sub-Branches Visits

Due to the restrictions and lockdown this year many Sub-Branches 'soldiered on' as best they could. Some who had their centenary could not celebrate however, they were not forgotten and were able to receive their certificates recognising this achievement from the National Board and State Government. We appreciate all their efforts and all the support they have also given to the State Branch. We are in stronger relationships and better placed with our Sub-Branches and continue to work together to forge this. Visits to Sub-Branches have been restricted however, it is intended to continue with these moving forward.

Conclusion

While 2020 saw us all fall on different times and challenges, I would like to thank all the hard-working staff and volunteers at the State Branch. This also applies for all our Regional Coordinators and Sub-Branch Volunteers who put in many a long hour to keep what has been built up by our forebears going. I also ask that we all continue to assist in restoring the image of the RSL. We are here to service our veterans and their families and should not lose sight of that. We have all done and continue to do many wonderful things and we look forward to future opportunities that we hope will come our way.

Once again, it would be remiss of me if I didn't take this opportunity to thank RSL Care SA for the support they have always and continue to give us.

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Northfield RSL Visit



McLaren Vale Women's Auxiliary
15 Year Long Service Award to
Mrs June Hanley



Mannum RSL Walter Stevens
Service Award



Kingston RSL 100th Anniversary



Ardrossan Memorial Opening



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT 2020

David Grenvold

It's impossible to speak about any aspect of 2020 without using words like 'unprecedented', 'uncertain' and 'challenging'. Events like COVID-19 do however cause us to reflect on the things that are important and often bring us together as a community to help each other through. The values of mateship, resilience and community spirit were displayed in many of our Sub-Branches despite not being able to operate in a "business as usual" format. Many of the Sub-Branches developed ways to continue to deliver the objects of the League to the veteran community despite the challenges they faced and I'd like to thank them for the work they have done on behalf of The Returned & Services League of Australia.

The State Branch

Towards the end of 2019 the Board and some members of the executive team undertook a strategic planning process to review and revise our Strategic Plan. The format used was for the Board to identify areas of strategic priority to enable the State Branch to return to the core business of serving the veteran community. Once these priorities were set, management and staff were charged with the responsibility of implementing a more detailed plan on how to achieve them. There were many considerations throughout this process including how we would increase programs for serving and former serving defence personnel, leverage the RSL brand, collaborate with RSL Australia, the other states and our Sub Branch network.

The result of this work was the development of two documents;

- A strategic road map – a high level directional document that was shared with our Sub-Branch network.
- A detail operational plan used by management and staff for the day to day operational requirements of the State Branch.

This strategic planning assisted the Board in steering the State Branch through a challenging time and enabled the continued financial consolidation of the organisation. In early 2021 the Board reviewed the 2020 Strategic Plan and accessed the performance of the operations using a complete, partially complete and incomplete measure.

As part of this review process the Board also reset some of these priorities for 2021 and these will provide the structure and direction for the next twelve months.

Veteran Services

Throughout 2020, RSL SA & NT refocused its efforts on providing programs to assist veterans and their families and we established the Veterans Services division within the overall structure of the business. The priorities of this division are advocacy, (compensation), employment and wellbeing for veterans. Steve Ceissmann our Senior Advocate continued to do some outstanding work in the advocacy space not only directly managing a large number of clients but also mentoring the next generation of compensation advocates. We will continue to add resources to this aspect of the business and increase the capability of the State Branch. Additionally we offered support to the Plympton Veterans Centre as they relocate their operations to the new Repatriation Veterans Wellbeing Centre. The PVC do an outstanding job by offering both direct client management and advocate training services to meet the increasing demand for advocacy services.

The Repat Veterans Wellbeing Centre is a collaborative effort between DVA, SA Health and the ESO community and will bring a range of services together at one location to make it easier for current and former defence personnel to lead meaningful lives post service.

The RSL SA State Branch was nominated as one of the four anchor tenants and will play a critical role in shaping the future of the VWC, as a member of the steering committee. The Repat Veterans Wellbeing Centre Steering Committee continued to meet regularly throughout 2020 to establish a centre that will revitalise the former Repat site and be a valuable resource to the veteran community in the years ahead.

Throughout 2020 South Australia became the first state to implement the RSLA Veteran Employment Program (VEP) developed by RSL Queensland and funded by DVA. The VEP supports those transitioning out of defence as well as those who may need assistance years after transition. The program supports these clients using a one on one management model and employment Case Navigators were employed in SA in early 2020 and the Northern Territory later in the year.

This program will continue to grow throughout 2021 as the RSL Employment brand awareness increases and those needing such a service gain a greater understanding of how this program can help.

I would like to thank the entire RSL SA/NT Board and staff for their support and hard work to ensure the State Branch becomes the premier ex-service organisation in the state and be financially sustainable. The President Cheryl Cates and Vice President Trevor Whitelaw continue to lead the Board with dedication and transparency. Our financial position continues to strengthen, even taking into consideration the Covid financial support packages we received. Despite the disruption to normal operations our Membership income increased on the previous year and Donations and Fundraising revenue did not suffer the significant impact that we expected. We look forward to working with the Sub-Branch network, continuing the plan to re-establish the RSL in South Australia, the Northern Territory and Broken Hill.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution made by Rob Gilies and Steve Larkins on the Avoca Club Limited Board who have worked tirelessly to improve the operating result of the Avoca Hotel. The Avoca's trading results continued to improve despite the disruption of COVID 19 and there are several exciting improvements planned for the hotel in 2021 all of which have required careful consideration by the board.

David Grenvold
CEO



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STRATEGIC ROADMAP 2020

About RSL SA/NT

Who we are

RSL SA/NT are a **diverse team** working together to achieve exceptional outcomes for those we serve. We will conduct ourselves in an **open, honest, and accountable** manner in everything we do while valuing **respect**, being bound by **integrity** and **united** through **mateship**.

We work with a wide range of partners to deliver holistic services that focus on helping current and past serving men and women return to health, work, and civilian life.



What we do

We **deliver** a diverse range of services to support our current and past serving men, women, and their families.

We **advocate** on behalf of Australia's service men, women, and their families.

We **respect** and commemorate all who have served our country.

We **collaborate** with other ex-service organizations (ESOs) locally and globally.

We **inspire** and help shape the research agenda into veterans' affairs. We translate this research into relevant and tangible services.

We **share** the goal for a modern, agile, and high-performing state office that delivers exceptional value to the sub-branches and their members.

Our case for change

Connecting with a changing community

Our communities are changing and becoming increasingly more complex and diverse. The values, behaviours, and practices of RSL SA/NT need to keep pace with the contemporary Australian community.

Adapting to evolving needs and priorities

The needs and priorities of today's serving and past serving men and women have changed, and we need to adapt and respond to them. Today's defence force personnel bring with them different attitudes, needs, priorities and expectations to those of the past.

Strengthening our influence in a crowded sector

Government is increasingly electing to partner with the ESO and NGO sectors to strengthen service delivery outcomes. This creates opportunities for the RSL to take a leadership role in new models of collaboration that benefit the sector as a whole and combine forces for the benefit of Australia's defence families.

Unlocking our competitive advantages

There is an opportunity to unlock the competitive advantages inherent in the RSL brand, history, size, scale and footprint, including opportunities for corporate and philanthropic partnerships and community fundraising so that we can better capitalise on our advantages supported by strengthened brand management.

RSL SA/NT 2020 Strategic Priorities



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- SP 2 – Update Constitution and By-laws
- SP 3 – Integrate RSL Australia strategic plan into RSL SA/NT operations where relevant
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- SP 5 – Evaluate and develop new profitable revenue initiatives



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- SP 4 – Develop a veterans' employment program aligned to RSL and Federal Govt objectives



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- SP 4 – Implement new CRM platform aligned with RSLA
- SP 5 – Increase support to sub-branch network and add value to their operations



COMMEMORATION

- SP 1 – Build strategic relationships with the broader community including ADF to deliver relevant and engaging commemoration ceremonies
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FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP

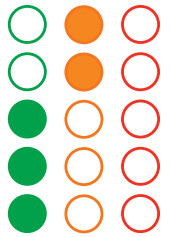
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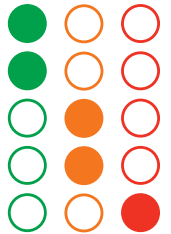
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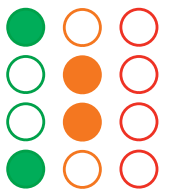
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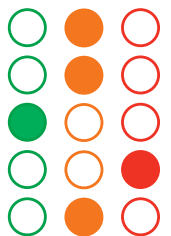
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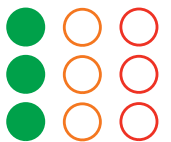
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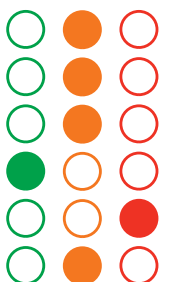
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VE DAY 2020



Senior ADF Service Representatives

VP DAY 2020



Premier Steven Marshall and Fred Sharon
(75th Year VP Certificate Recipient)



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020



Federation Guard provided Catafalque Party



Remembrance Day

ANZAC PEACE PRIZE 2020



His Excellency The Hon Hieu Van Le AC presenting Mr Geoff Tattersall with ANZAC of the Year 2020

75TH YEAR VP CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS



Terry Nicholas, Colin Kay and Cheryl Cates



Wallace Grant



Gwen Poole



Mario Giovine and Cheryl Cates



Diana Watson

APPOINTMENTS

Made as from July 2020

Patron

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia

State Board

State President	Mrs Cheryl Cates
State Board Members	Mr Trevor Whitelaw OAM Mr Wayne Langford OAM Mr Bob Shewring Mr John O'Grady Mr Gary Glynn-Roe Dr Paula Dabovich Ms Jo Hanrahan (from December 2020)
Chief Executive Officer	Mr David Grenvold

Summary of Attendance

Name	14 Jan	18 Feb	24 Mar	21 Apr	19 May	16 Jun	21 Jul	18 Aug	15 Sept	20 Oct	17 Nov	15 Dec	Total
Cheryl Cates	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Trevor Whitelaw OAM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	11
Robert Shewring	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Wayne Langford OAM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	10
Gary Glynn-Roe	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	6
John O'Grady	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	8
Greg Crotty	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Paula Dabovich	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Jo Hanrahan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

State Board Appointments

Deputy Vice President	Mr Trevor Whitelaw OAM
Returning Officer	Mr Jock Statton AM
Assistant Returning Officer	Mr Ian Dempster
Auditors	MC Chartered Accountants
Insurance	LCIS (to September 2020), then iCORP Insure
Solicitor	Minter Ellison (from November 2020)
Co-Delegate to National Congress	As delegated by the State Board

APPOINTMENTS

Made as from July 2020

Committees

ANZAC Day	Messrs Ian Smith, Tony Chaplin OAM, Vincent Scotland (Youth Vigil) and Keith Harrison
Awards	Messrs Jock Statton AM, Neil Nicholls, Michael Sherlock, Luke Scott, John Spencer OAM RFD, Peter Cates
Ethics	Messrs Nick Williams AM RFD, Rod Murray, Ms Ilona Horan, Jake Kersley, Chris Burns, Gordon Curtis, Steve Dunning
Rules Revision	State President, Rod Murray, John Minagall and Ted Forward
Veterans' Affairs	Senior Advocate

Trusts

ANZAC – Remembrance Appeal 1965 Trust Fund	State President, State Board
RSL Memorial Hall Investment Trust	Vacant until Trust Fund is restructured under new governance in conjunction with the Crown Solicitor's Office

Representatives

Veterans Advisory Council	State President, Dr Paula Dabovich and Ms Jo Hanrahan
Veterans Health Advisory Council	Mr Wayne Langford OAM, Dr Paula Dabovich
Defence Consultative Group	Mr Bill Denny AM BM
DVA Deputy Commissioner's Forum	Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Grenvold
RSL ANZAC Day Committee	Mr Ian Smith
RSL ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil	Mr Vincent Scotland
RSL Care SA	State President and Mr Trevor Whitelaw OAM
Combined Ex-Services Mess Committee	Messrs Lyas OAM, Evans, Malpas

Order of Australia

Mr Garry Wellington OAM

Dr Susan Neuhaus AM CSC

Australia Day Council Medallions

Mr Malcolm McInerney	Premier's Anzac Spirit School Prize
Mr Stephen Ceissmann	RSL State Branch Senior Advocate
Ms Maryann McPhee	RSL State Branch Appeal Volunteer
Mr Ian Dempster	RSL State Branch Election Volunteer

ANZAC of the Year

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall	Adelaide RSL Sub-Branch
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Meritorious Medal

Nil

Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge

Nil

Life Membership

Mr Walter Stevens	Mannum RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Keith Lowe	Mannum RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Brian Flavel	McLaren Vale RSL Sub-Branch
Mr John Gyepes	McLaren Vale RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Robert Bowell	West Croydon and Kilkenny RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Clyde Slack	Macclesfield RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Peter De Garis	Coonawarra & Penola RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Tony Guster	Renmark RSL Sub-Branch
Ms Annette Summers	Peacekeepers RSL Sub-Branch

50 Year Certificate

Mr William Holman	Echunga RSL Sub-Branch
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League Service Award

Nil

Certificate of Appreciation

Mr Peter Brune	Keynote Speaker Breakfast of Remembrance
Mr Peter Walsh	MC Breakfast of Remembrance
Mr Graham Noske	Tumby Bay RSL Sub-Branch
Mr William Griffiths	McLaren Vale RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Jim Dunstan	Eudunda RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Ian Holland	Stirling RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Eli Sleiman	Stirling RSL Sub-Branch
Ms Kerrie Boyd	Robe RSL Sub-Branch
Ms Wendy White	Robe RSL Sub-Branch
Mr Kenneth and Mrs Brenda McCade	Echunga RSL Sub-Branch

Women's Auxiliary Life Membership

Mrs Beverley Ann Wilson	McLaren Vale RSL Sub-Branch
Mrs Dorothy Jean Gyepes	McLaren Vale RSL Sub-Branch

APPOINTMENTS

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Women's Auxiliary 15 Years Long Service

Mrs Georgina June Hanley McLaren Vale RSL Sub-Branch

Mrs Heather Margaret Jessen McLaren Vale RSL Sub-Branch

Women's Auxiliary 30 Year Long Service

Mrs Kay Ferne Forsythe McLaren Vale RSL Sub-Branch

Sub-Branch 100 Year Certificate

Ardrossan RSL Sub-Branch

Brighton RSL Sub-Branch

Gumeracha RSL Sub-Branch

Kapunda RSL Sub-Branch

Kimba RSL Sub-Branch

Kingston RSL Sub-Branch

Loxton RSL Sub-Branch

Meningie RSL Sub-Branch

Minnipa RSL Sub-Branch

Port Broughton RSL Sub-Branch

Salisbury RSL Sub-Branch

Semaphore & Port Adelaide RSL Sub-Branch

Stirling RSL Sub-Branch

Tailem Bend RSL Sub-Branch

Whyalla RSL Sub-Branch

Yorketown RSL Sub-Branch

Regional Coordinators and State Sub-Branches in Operation

Region A1 Adelaide - Vacant

Adelaide, Norwood, Royal Australian Regiment, SA Peacekeepers, Police, Unattached List, Unley

Region A2 Western Metro - Peter Cates

Henley & Grange, Hilton, Largs Bay, Seaton Park, Semaphore & Port Adelaide, West Croydon & Kilkenny

Region A3 Eastern Metro - Luke Scott

Gilles Plains & Hampstead, Glynde, Kensington Park, Magill, Payneham, Walkerville

Region A4 Northern Metro - Wayne Langford OAM

Elizabeth, Enfield, Kilburn, Northfield, Prospect, Salisbury, Tea Tree Gully

Region A5 Southern Metro - Rodney Murray

Blackwood, Brighton, Colonel Light Gardens, Marion, Mitcham, Morphett Vale, Plympton Glenelg, Port Noarlunga & Christies Beach

Regional Coordinators and State Sub-Branches in Operation *continued*

Region B1 Barossa – George Sibenaler

Eudunda, Freeling, Gawler, Kapunda, Mallala, Nuriootpa, Robertstown, Tanunda, Two Wells

Region B2 Onkaparinga/Barker – Vacant

Aldgate, Echunga, Gumeracha, Lobethal, Macclesfield, Mount Barker, Mount Pleasant, Nairne, Stirling, Strathalbyn

Region C1 Alexandra – Rodney Murray

Goolwa, Kangaroo Island, McLaren Vale, Port Elliot, Victor Harbor, Willunga, Yankalilla

Region C2 Murray – Vacant

Mannum, Meningie, Murray Bridge, Mypolonga, Tailem Bend

Region D1 Daly – Gregory Crotty

Bute, Balaklava, Crystal Brook, Kadina, Moonta, Port Broughton, Port Pirie, Port Wakefield, Snowtown, Wallaroo

Region D2 Yorke Peninsula – Gregory Crotty

Ardrossan, Edithburgh, Maitland, Port Victoria, Port Vincent, Stansbury, Yorketown

Region E1 West Eyre Peninsula – Brad Flaherty

Ceduna, Minnipa, Streaky Bay, Wudinna

Region E2 South Eyre Peninsula – Brad Flaherty

Cowell, Cummins-Yeelanna, Kimba, Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay

Region E3 Central Districts – Vacant

Coober Pedy, Port Augusta, Roxby Downs, Whyalla, Woomera

Region F1 Chaffey – Ray Hartigan OAM

Barmera, Berri, Blanchetown, Lameroo, Loxton, Morgan, Pinnaroo, Renmark, Swan Reach, Waikerie

Region F2 South East – Neville Dixon

Coonawarra-Penola, Millicent, Mount Gambier, Port MacDonnell, Robe

Region F3 Victoria – Vacant

Bordertown, Keith, Kingston, Lucindale, Naracoorte

Region G1 Stanley – Vacant

Auburn Clare & Districts, Brinkworth Koolunga & Yacka, Burra, Riverton

Region G2 Northern Areas – Leon Pollard

Jamestown, Laura, Peterborough

Region H1 Far North – Robert Shewring

Darwin, Darwin North, Gove Peninsula, Katherine, Palmerston

Region H2 Central – Robert Shewring

Alice Springs, Tennant Creek

Region H3 Barrier – William Vickers

Broken Hill

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Mr Keith Harrison	Commemoration and Fundraising Manager
Ms Jill Phillips	Finance and Account Officer*
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Ms Nelda Aldrete	Administration
Mr Steven Ceissmann	Senior Advocate
Mr Chris Wilde	Veterans' Advocate*
Miss Chloe Arbuckle	Advocacy Coordinator

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Mr John Miklavcic	Veterans' Advocate (until December 2020)
Mr Ken Parnell	Veterans' Advocate
Mr Wesley Woulleman	Trainee Advocate
Ms Karen Robinson	Veterans' Advocate
Mrs Leonie Armbruster	Welfare and Compensation Advocate
Mrs Dianne Duncan	Welfare and Compensation Advocate
Mr Joshua Liverio	Welfare and Compensation Advocate
Mr Robert Bishop	Welfare
Mr Ron Green	Marketing Assistant

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE BRANCH

State Presidents		State Secretaries	
RSA		RSA	
1915-16	WJ SOWDEN	1916-16	EG FAIRBAIRN
Nov 1916	REV JC MCPHEE	Nov 1916	AE TAIT
1916	JE BARRETT	-1917	
RSL		RSL	
1917	S PRICE WEIR DSO VD	1917	AE TAIT
1918-20	AS BLACKBURN VC	1918-19	ARG FEARBY
1921	WD PRICE MC	1920-21	RG WOODHEAD
1922-24	CP BUTLER DSO VD	1922	WJ MIERISCH
1925-29	WFJ MCCANN DSO OBE MC	1923-36	AH DALZIEL MC
1930	W DOLLMAN VD	1936-41	JF DOWLING MSM
1931	WFJ MCCANN DSO OBE MC	1942-45	FE REYNOLDS MBE
1932	H THOMPSON MC	1946-50	JF DOWLING OBE MSM
1933-35	RB JACOB VD	1950-54	FU HALL
1936	HW MARTIN	1954-60	AG PRITCHARD
1937-38	WS HOSKING DSO MC	1961-87	KW HOFFMANN MBE
1939-41	WS SHARLAND MC	1987-94	MJ MUMMERY
1941-46	E MILLHOUSE KC	1994-97	HE HERSANT
1947-50	AS BLACKBURN VC CBE ED	1997-2001	JD SPENCER RFD
1951-54	TC EASTICK CMG DSO ED		
1955-61	AJ LEE CBE MC	Executive Directors:	
1961-72	TC EASTICK CMG DSO ED	2002-07	JD SPENCER RFD
1972-79	EH SMITH OBE	2008-09	GMW HARLEY
1979-84	JR NEIL AM		
1985-90	PN FLEMING MBE		
1991-96	JP BAILEY OAM	Chief Executive Officers:	
1997-98	IL DUNNE RFD	2009-15	S JACKMAN
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2004-2012	JH STATTON OAM	2017-18	C STARKEY
2012-2017	TJ HANNA AM	2018	S HEWITT (Interim)
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1918	WJ SOWDEN KB	2002	JP BAILEY KOM (Fr)
1939	ARG FEARBY MBE	2006	IL DUNNE OAM
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1966	AJ LEE KBE	2010	MJ MUMMERY OAM
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The League extends sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of those Members for whom the Last Post sounded during 2020

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