

## Application for Deputy President (Deputy Chair) role



### Personal Details

Surname	Pearce
First names	Cherisa Jane
Preferred name	CJ
Honours and awards (if applicable)	

### League Details

District Branch	Gold Coast
Sub Branch	Currumbin Palm Beach

### Period of League Membership

Date from	Date to	Sub Branch
2/9/16		Currumbin Palm Beach

### Details of League Service (e.g., Board/Committee roles, appointment as Delegate)

Date from	Date to	Role / Sub Branch / District / State / National
09/02/2020	1/28/2025	Director / Sub-Branch
2/11/22	2/10/24	Board Member / District
1/28/25		Secretary / Sub-Branch

*(Please attach a separate page if required)*

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## Nomination Form

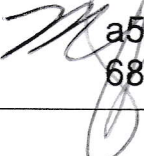
In accordance with the RSL Queensland Constitution, each candidate for election as a Director must be proposed by a Service Member or Life Member and seconded by another Service Member or Life Member.

Noting the importance of the Board Executive roles, this is to be achieved through a motion passed at a Sub Branch meeting. This motion may be passed by any RSL Queensland Sub Branch and does not have to be the applicant's Sub Branch.

Please arrange for the nomination form to be completed and signed by the relevant Sub Branch signatories (which must be Service or Life Members).

Applicant/Nominee	Cherisa Jane Pearce
Sub Branch	Currumbin Palm Beach
Date of Sub Branch meeting	31 January 2026

I confirm that the nomination of the abovenamed applicant for the role of Deputy President was validly endorsed/approved at the Sub Branch meeting:

  
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(Signature)

Name Michael Humphreys

Role: President

Date 5/3/26

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Sub Branch  
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**Suzanne Shipp**

(Signature)

Name Suzanne Shipp

Role: Treasurer

Date 5/3/26

## Acknowledgement and Consent

I, **Cherisa Jane Pearce**, acknowledge and agree that:

	Yes	No
I consent to being nominated for the role of <b>Deputy President (Deputy Chair)</b> of RSL Queensland, and if elected, will act as a Director of RSL Queensland and sign an Engagement Agreement with RSL Queensland.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I satisfy all Eligibility Criteria, including that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am not disqualified from managing a corporation within the meaning of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth).</li> <li>I have not been disqualified by the ACNC at any time from being a responsible person of a registered charity.</li> <li>I am not ineligible to be a director under the <i>Associations Incorporation Act 1981</i> (Qld).</li> <li>I am able to obtain a valid working with children's check before taking office.</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have read and understood the Position Description and Skills Matrix contained in <b>Part A</b> .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am willing to uphold the RSL Queensland values and objects (as contained in the <a href="#">Code of Conduct</a> and <a href="#">Constitution</a> ).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If elected, I will hold office for a term of 3 years from the date of election.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have familiarised myself with the requirements, if elected, under both the <a href="#">ACNC Governance Standards</a> and <a href="#">Governance for good: A guide for Responsible People   ACNC</a> .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If I hold a position as an officer of Sub Branch or District Branch, I will resign from this position/s if elected as Director of RSL Queensland.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I consent to this form and accompanying information (including your resume/Curriculum Vitae and photo) being made publicly available to members for the purpose of informing them regarding my nomination if I am deemed to be a suitable candidate (see also the Privacy Collections Notice).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I consent to RSL Queensland undertaking those searches required to verify that I satisfy the Eligibility Criteria, including a criminal record check, and will provide all reasonable assistance in this regard.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(Applicant's Signature)

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## **Nomination for Election as Deputy President (Deputy Chair), RSL Queensland – Cherisa Pearce**

I respectfully submit my nomination for election to RSL Queensland as Deputy President (Deputy Chair). My nomination is grounded in a lifelong commitment to service and a firm belief that RSL Queensland must continue to lead with integrity, relevance, and strategic clarity.

Our organisation stands at an important point in its evolution, honouring legacy while continuing to deliver contemporary, sustainable support to veterans and their families. I am motivated to contribute to that responsibility at the state level.

### **Military Service Summary**

I served for over 21 years in the Australian Army. A graduate of the Royal Military College – Duntroon, my career spanned command, training, operational, and strategic logistics appointments across Australia and on operations, including three deployments to Timor-Leste (1999, 2000 and 2006–07).

Key appointments included Officer Commanding at the 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Second-in-Command and Acting Commanding Officer of the Royal Military College – Duntroon, Integrated Logistics Manager overseeing multi-million-dollar contracts, and senior personnel and logistics officer within a Joint Task Force in Timor-Leste.

These roles shaped my leadership philosophy: service before self, disciplined governance, accountability in decision-making, and people at the centre of every outcome.

### **Supporting RSL Queensland's Strategic Pillars**

Following my transition from military service and relocation to the Gold Coast in 2016, I became an active member of the Currumbin Palm Beach RSL Sub-Branch. In 2020, I was elected as a Non-Executive Director of my Sub-Branch, served as a Non-Executive Director with the Gold Coast District in 2023/24, and RSL National Ambassador since 2021. Since early 2025, I have served as the Secretary of my Sub-Branch. In these roles, I invest approximately 20 hours a week, where my volunteering contributes to sustainable service delivery aligned to RSL Queensland's pillars of Care, Commemoration, and Camaraderie.

**Care.** In 2024, I initiated and led a strategic review that integrated two independent veteran organisations under our Sub-Branch into a single, unified service model. Endorsed by the Board, this reform established the Veterans' Support Centre - Currumbin (VSC) to deliver measurable outcomes for veterans navigating DVA claims, transition challenges, mental health concerns, and social isolation.

To guide the implementation, I was entrusted as the volunteer Chair in early 2025. Since then, advocacy capacity has strengthened with three new advocates, volunteer engagement has expanded with more veterans conducting home and hospital visits, referral pathways have improved, and staffing support has doubled, ensuring care is practical, coordinated, and accessible. In 2025, the VSC conducted 231 events with over 4,700 veteran and family members attending, including 269 first-time attendees.

**Commemoration.** From a multi-generational veteran family (great-grandfather, grandfather, mother, father, brother and spouse), I recognise commemoration as central to preserving legacy while maintaining contemporary relevance. As a member of our Sub-Branch's Commemoration Sub-Committee, I have contributed to the planning and delivery of Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and other days of significance. I have had the honour of presenting at our Dawn Service at Elephant Rock, Currumbin, which is attended by over 25,000 people and broadcast to millions of Australians nationwide. I have represented the RSL brand through various media engagements and community-organised commemoration events. My focus remains on ensuring our commemorative activities are respectful, inclusive, and meaningful across generations.

**Camaraderie.** Recognising that connection is one of the strongest protective factors in veteran wellbeing, I founded *Our Veterans' Backyard*. A volunteer-led wellbeing initiative providing a safe, purpose-driven environment where veterans reconnect through peer engagement and nature-based activities.

The program has grown into a recognised initiative that fosters belonging, reduces isolation, and strengthens peer support networks. Through this program, I have established corporate social responsibility partnerships with local businesses and other not-for-profit organisations to deliver financial and environmental outcomes. Since its inception in late 2023, this program has reached approximately 50 veterans and family members.

To further strengthen connections within our membership, I introduced the 'Get to Know Our Members' initiative in our Sub-Branch newsletters, showcasing different members each quarter and sharing their service history and experiences. These member profiles have sparked meaningful intergenerational conversations and deepened engagement across our veteran community. Another example is the partnership I facilitated between RSL Active and the Kirra Klassic Surf Festival, enabling ADF members and veterans to compete in a civilian community-organised event. Over five years, the new Veteran Division has grown to become the largest participation category, with over 30 veterans and service members registered for competition each year.

As an RSL Australia National Ambassador, I have represented the RSL in many strategic advocacy forums. I have established relationships with Department of Veteran Affairs Secretary Frame, Repatriation Commissioner Fegan, and local government members, including The Honourable Laura Gerber MP, Mr Leon Rebello MP and Councillor Gail O'Neill.

### **Additional Qualifications**

I hold a Master of Business Administration, an Advanced Diploma of Logistics Management, and an Associated Diploma in Personal Administration. I am also a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and hold a valid Blue Card.

### **Why I Am Nominating**

I am nominating for the position of Deputy President (Deputy Chair) because I believe I bring the commitment, experience, and strategic perspective required to contribute to RSL Queensland's mission and its continued evolution. As our veteran community changes, I believe there is an opportunity to strengthen how we engage with the next generation of veterans, broaden participation across our sub-branches, and ensure the diverse experiences of today's veteran community are represented at the board level.

I believe the Board requires leaders who deliver for veterans while providing strong governance; who respect the traditions that underpin the League while supporting thoughtful progress; and who are prepared to ask considered questions in the long-term interests of members, beneficiaries, and the future strength of RSL Queensland.

### **What Would I Seek to Accomplish as Deputy President (Deputy Chair)**

If elected, I will work with the Board and our sub-branches to help shape the next chapter of RSL Queensland by strengthening governance and expanding meaningful support for veterans and their families, so the League remains trusted, relevant and strong for generations to come.

Personally, I seek to serve with integrity, humility, and discipline, contributing to a Board that safeguards the legacy of the League while ensuring RSL Queensland remains trusted, respected, and strong for future generations of veterans and their families.