



**RSL**  
Queensland

To: Directors  
District Presidents, District Secretaries  
Sub-Branch Presidents, Sub-Branch Secretaries

Re: Nominations for State Deputy President (Deputy-Chair) of RSL Qld

Date: 25 September 2020

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Dear District and Sub Branch Presidents and Secretaries

In accordance with the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) there will be an election for the position of State Deputy President (Deputy-Chair) to be held at the Annual General Meeting of the RSL (Queensland Branch) which is to be held on 24 November 2020. A call for nominations was distributed to members as required under the constitution and three nominations were subsequently received.

The By-laws of RSL (Queensland Branch) require all District Branches and Sub-Branched to be provided with a copy of all nominations within 7 days of the nomination closing date. These are now attached for your information.

Please disseminate this information to your members.

Yours sincerely

**Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch)**

Leah Coogans  
**Company Secretary**  
25 September 2020



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## NOMINATION FOR STATE EXECUTIVE

### APPLICANT PARTICULARS

SURNAME	Hall
FIRST NAMES	Ian Garry
SUB BRANCH	Woodford
DISTRICT	Sunshine Coast & Regional District



Nominate for the position of:  
Deputy President RSL Queensland Branch

### LEAGUE DETAILS

#### PERIOD OF MEMBERSHIP

Date From	Date To	Sub Branch
1974	1977	Morven
1977	1985	Bundaberg
1985	1990	Innisfail
1990	2011	Kedron Wavell
2011	Present	Woodford

### LEAGUE SERVICE

(To include Committee appointments and service as a Delegate or Board member)

#### SUB BRANCH

Date from	Date to	Appointment
2011	Present	Advocate/Welfare Officer
2013	2019	Committee Member Woodford Sub Branch
2015	2016	Woodford Sub Branch President

#### DISTRICT BRANCH

Date From	Date To	Sub Branch
2015	2016	Sunshine Coast & Regional District Branch Deputy President
2016	Present	Sunshine Coast & Regional District Branch District President

## NATIONAL & STATE BRANCH

Date From	Date To	Appointment
2018	Present	Director
2018	Present	Qld RSL Liaison Officer for Council of Auxiliaries.
2019	Present	Member Qld RSL Remuneration and Nomination Committee.
2019	2019	Appointed Investigation Officer for Qld RSL Board.

## RSL SERVICE & COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITES

### FUNDRAISING

Raffles at local Woodford Hotel.
Sausage Sizzles IGA Woodford.
Badge sales for Commemorative Days.
Social Trips to Country Markets.
Australian Defence Force Trackers and War Dogs Association.
Woodford RSL Sub Branch Show Coffee Stall.
ABC Early Learning Education Christmas BBQ.
Community Santa Clause 2013 – 2017.
2015 Mates 4 Mates World War 1 Challenge Walk Mount Cootha to Woodford.

### REPATRIATION

From 2011 Advocate and Welfare Officer for members of the Australian Defence Force Trackers and War Dogs Association,
From 2011 has been involved with Welfare and Advocacy for Woodford Sub Branch.
2020 Establish Sunshine Coast and Regional District Veterans Welfare Service Program for the Sunshine Coast.
Avenue of Honour at Parklakes 2, Bli Bli Sunshine Coast.

### COMMUNITY

Queensland Police Service employed as a Police Officer for 34 Years during that time was awarded the National Police Medal in 1989 with 1 <sup>st</sup> Clasp in 1995 and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Clasp in 2005, was heavily involved in the roll out of Neighbourhood Watch and School Watch Queensland.
Australian Defence Force Trackers and War Dogs Association Vice President 2009 to 2012 and President from 2012 – 2016.
Attended and conducted Commemorative Service for Woodford Embracia Retirement Village April 2016.
Attended and conducted Commemorative Day Services Woodford State School April 2016,2017.
Guest Speaker at Commemorative Day Services multiple April, August and November 2017.
Attended Defence Force Cadets Passing Out Parades, Reviewing Officer and Guest Speaker at Formal Dinners 2018, 2019.
Attended Reunion Lunches, Kawana, Maleny, delivered speeches.
Attended, Guest Speaker Korean Remembrance Day Service 2018.

May 2016 Not for Profit Financial Management.
Sept 2018 Media Training.
March 2019 Media Training.
June 2019 Elected as an Affiliate of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd. Post Nominals GIA (affiliated).
Oct 2019 Governance & Risk Management.
Certificate for Governance in Not for Profit Organisations.
July 2020 became a JP to further service the community.
Cross Cultural Awareness, State Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch, School Watch, Taxi Watch and Marine Watch in Queensland, from 1991 to 1994.
Informal Resolution Workshop. Media Training, Strategic Planning and Project Management, Train the Trainer, Equity and Diversity, Making a Presentation Public Speaking, Occupational Health and Safety Basic and Advanced, Human Resource Management, Associated Diploma of Business, Diploma in Management. Management Development Diploma during Police Service.

Service	Date Served From	Date Served to
6 <sup>th</sup> Royal Australian Regiment	December 1964	June 1970
5 <sup>th</sup> Royal Australian Regiment	June 1970	December 1970

On 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.



## **IAN HALL SUPPORTING INFORMATION.**

A 2 tour Vietnam Veteran with 34 years in the police service I retired in 2006.

I enhanced my communication skills in the police service, growing in knowledge and experience through dealing with many diverse situations involving public facing matters. I also developed the organisational and leadership ability to implement many projects including setting up and managing the State Central Exhibit and promoting and managing the State Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood, School, and Marine Watch.

I was heavily involved in the leadership, organisation, promotion, and fundraising for Defence Force Trackers and War Dogs Association. Networking and promotion were vital to the establishment of the association in its effort to support Dog Handler and their Dog Teams, including various public speaking and Memorial Day organisation.

In 2011 I transferred my RSL membership to Woodford where I commenced my immersion in all aspects RSL. A returned veteran, I embrace and support the aims and commitments to the League.

Since those first tentative steps in Woodford Subbranch I have become an experienced Welfare and Advocacy Officer. I have researched and embraced the "Live LIFE Alarms" Program to assist members with balance difficulties. I am dedicated to improving Sub Branch staff knowledge and understanding of RSL Policies and Procedures, providing training and sharing of ideas and new developments.

To cover Welfare deficiency within the District I introduced a mobile team that covers Hospital visits and assistance wherever necessary and in emergency situations should they arise---very handy during this Covid19 Pandemic. RSL Queensland supports this initiative with a view to rollout across the State.

I have been invited to join the Sunshine Coast Disaster Management and Emergency Committee with a view to identifying the stressful situations arising from these events, formulating contingencies to alleviate and support adverse effects.

I continue to network enhancing co-operation and understanding within the community environment.

As a District President, I also serve as Board Director at State level. I welcome this responsibility and take the opportunity to immerse myself into the decision-making policies that ultimately affect the efficiency and effectiveness of RSL service to the community.

I am very active in opening lines of communication both intra and inter departments or external agencies by promoting improved knowledge and skills ie rolling out physical, mental and welfare programmes, as well as management instructive sessions that streamline and simplify processes and procedure at Sub-branch level.

My Defence Cadet recruiting initiative has created a lot of interest. The idea behind this venture is to open the lines of communication and build a “Shoulder to Shoulder relationship” going forward.

Previous experience in Queensland Police has served me well in the areas of KPI's, Job Descriptions and Interview/Selections process. I am a valued asset on the State Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

Recently appointed Liaison Officer for the RSL Queensland Council of Auxiliaries and in this role I have facilitated their fundraising efforts and endeavour to provide them with the technology to support and assist them in growing their contribution to the RSL effort.

I am well versed in promoting involvement and participation in business and community areas. Described as result oriented, goal directed, industrious, committed, astute, I am a motivated leader with good organisation skills and excellent supervisory skills who leads by example and can follow direction when necessary.

I am a team player comfortable working closely at any level including a confidential collaborative executive environment with Honesty and Integrity.

RSL Queensland is a successful multi – million dollar not for profit organisation which does not rest on its laurels. Whilst RSL Queensland Objects 1 to 8 focus on providing for our Veterans and Families, there are considerable business and corporate responsibilities that support this venture. That is why it is necessary to have a strategic plan that allows us to engage both the purpose of our existence and the vision to continue to do so. The 2025 Strategic Plan allows us to do both and also to address the relevant negative obstructions that may impact us going forward. For eleven years we had no clear direction, with no plan to deal with the issues that we now face in a changing society. The 2025 is a clearly defined plan which encourages input from all members within the organisation to participate and be involved and move forward with the change. I am a committed and loyal Board Director, fully supporting the 2025 Strategic Plan through communication and education to one and all, building trust and enhanced transparency, ensuring that the plan is understood and embraced by the membership. Without this plan and strategies we will not be sustainable and will cease to have any relevance with the current and emerging Veteran's/ Defence members, their welfare and wellbeing. We can't afford to let the opportunities that this plan brings to us pass us by. Negativity is unacceptable.

The role of Deputy President is an important one, not to be taken lightly. As well as deputising for the State President it is a vital leadership role for the State RSL Board, the League and the organisation. It is essential the Deputy State President develops trust and an excellent working relationship with the CEO to work towards furthering the Objects of the league. It is imperative to protect the reputation of the League with integrity, honesty, patience and dignity.

Shoulder to Shoulder.

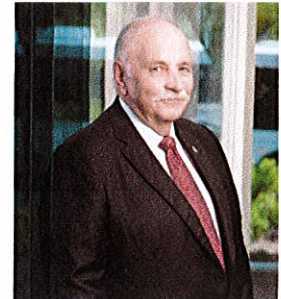


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## NOMINATION FOR STATE EXECUTIVE

### APPLICANT PARTICULARS

SURNAME	<b>STRACHAN</b> OAM MSM MAICD
FIRST NAMES	JOHN MALCOLM
SUB BRANCH	STEPHENS (ANNERLEY)
DISTRICT	SOUTH EASTERN



Nominate for the position of:

**STATE DEPUTY PRESIDENT/STATE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

### LEAGUE DETAILS

#### PERIOD OF MEMBERSHIP

Date From	Date To	Sub Branch
1984	PRESENT	STEPHENS (ANNERLEY)

### LEAGUE SERVICE

(To include Committee appointments and service as a Delegate or Board member)

#### SUB BRANCH

Date from	Date to	Appointment
1984 5 NOVEMBER 2009 21 AUGUST 2014	DEC 2009	SERVICE MEMBER GRANTED <b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b> WITH GOLD BADGE AWARDED <b>MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL</b>
1993	1995	SED PROXY DELEGATE
1995	2019	SUB BRANCH DELEGATE TO SED
2000	2001	JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT, STEPHENS
2002	2004	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, STEPHENS
2005	2018	SUB BRANCH PRESIDENT, STEPHENS

## DISTRICT BRANCH

Date From	Date To	Sub Branch
1995	2019	SUB BRANCH DELEGATE
2004	2008	DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT
2008	AUGUST 2011	DISTRICT PRESIDENT
2008	AUGUST 2011	CHAIRMAN BRISBANE ANZAC DAY MARCH COMBINED PARADE COMMITTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hosting the Governor, Premier and other dignitaries including Service Chiefs, the Lord Mayor and Chief Justice</li> </ul>
AUGUST 2011	PRESENT	PROTOCOL OFFICER BRISBANE ANZAC DAY COMBINED PARADE COMMITTEE/ DEPUTY CHAIR

## NATIONAL & STATE BRANCH

Date From	Date To	Appointment
2008 2011	AUGUST 2011 PRESENT	STATE COUNCILLOR STATE DEPUTY PRESIDENT/BOARD EXECUTIVE
2009	2009	MEMBER, AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
2009	2019	MEMBER, RSL ART UNION HOMES COMMITTEE (now Lotteries Committee)
2009	2009	MEMBER, AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
2011	2012	MEMBER , REMUNERATION COMMITTEE
2012	2019	CHAIRMAN, REMUNERATION COMMITTEE
2011	PRESENT	ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONGRESS
Dec 2019	PRESENT	CHAIRMAN, ART UNION HOMES COMMITTEE (now Lotteries Committee)



## RSL SERVICE & COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITES

### FUNDRAISING

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Was actively involved in Girl in a Million and fundraising.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Actively involved in ANZAC Day badge selling (as Sub Branch President, leading from the front).</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remembrance Day Poppy sales.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The above two activities in the Sub Branch had lapsed for many years and were resurrected under my Presidency to great effect.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initiating a Grants program within the Sub Branch.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuing Member of the Lotteries Committee.</li></ul>

### REPATRIATION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As District President actively assisted Veterans and their families through Reunion lunches, trips and outings, overseeing that District and Sub Branch Pensions Officers and Advocates were adequately resourced. Organised, updated and renovated meeting rooms, kitchen and toilets at SED and provided air-conditioning in meeting rooms for ESOs, District and other organisations.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initiated a Life Members lunch within the District.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heavily involved with welfare at both Sub Branch and District levels.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SED were funding an Advocacy section at Greenslopes Hospital in which I took a keen interest to ensure adequate resourcing.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stephens Sub Branch now has an active program of social functions, museum visits and outings to reduce social isolation of Veterans.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pursued through DVA and other avenues resolution of a dispute over a PTSD claim for a young veteran which has now been resolved.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted numerous Poppy services at Veterans funerals for Sub Branch, District and State.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As State representative, I have attended many Life Members funerals in addition to serving Soldiers KIA.</li></ul>

### COMMUNITY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I have actively participated in and encouraged Sub Branch involvement with local schools including visits to the Sub Branch and bursary and essay competitions.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Furthered the program of installing school memorials and the local memorial which is still a work in progress.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I have been a founding member of the Brisbane City Council Yeronga Memorial Park Restoration and Development Committee along with several other community groups.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Routinely spoken at local schools, speech nights and school ANZAC DAY services.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Actively encourage the schools and community groups' participation in our services of commemoration.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stephens Sub Branch is one of the few in the area that actively hold services of commemoration for not only ANZAC Day but also Victory in the Pacific and Remembrance Day. These services are attended by other local sub branches that no longer hold these services.</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised community awareness of our services of commemoration through negotiation with Brisbane City Council with the provision of Banners erected on main roads advertising service dates and times in two local parks.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instigated a program of nominating hardworking Volunteers for various Australia Day and local awards. (ongoing)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active member of both Battery and Artillery Associations.</li> </ul>

## **EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS and/or COMMERCIAL QUALIFICATIONS / EXPERIENCE THAT MAY ASSIST THE LEAGUE**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educated at Brisbane Grammar School.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buyer for State and National retail chains of electrical stores which included Chandlers (64 stores) and Vox Retail Group of 265 stores Nationally (annual turnover reached \$1 billion circa 1993).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotions Manager Vox Retail Group.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Relations Manager.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Advertising Manager (Electrical ) Vox Retail Group.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager (despatch) for Retravisio franchisee.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Advancement Course (Chandlers).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field Artillery Safety officers Course (among many other courses).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defence Force Recruiters Course (as Instructor).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directors training with State Branch (ongoing).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible service of Alcohol certificate.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 day live in Australian Institute of Company Directors Course.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member since April 2015 Australian Institute of Management.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Institute of Company Directors short course "The Not for Profit Board" 2013.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Institute of Company Directors short course "The Board and the CEO" 2013.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Institute of Company Directors short course "The Role of the Chairman"2013.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWS Corporate Governance Program 2012.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Matters Corporate Governance Training 4 day course 2010.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Institute of Company Directors short course "In the Boardroom Responsibilities and Practice" 2017.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWS Directors Workplace Health and Safety Program 2010.</li> </ul>



## BRIEF MILITARY HISTORY

Service	Date Served From	Date Served to
<b>Joined CMF 1962</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>2001</b>
• Corps: Royal Australian Artillery.		
• Served in a variety of appointments and postings within Artillery.		
• Task Force and Brigade Headquarters, Army Reserve and Defence Force Recruiting.		
• Continuous service from 1962 to 2001, mostly part time with some periods of full time duty.		
• Discharged as Warrant Officer from 1 Field Regt.		
• <b>Awarded OAM (Mil) Queens Birthday Honours 1989.</b>		
• Life Member Artillery Assn (Qld).		

The nomination was accepted at a general meeting of the Sub Branch at:

STEPHENS (ANNERLEY) On 14TH MARCH 2020  
(Sub Branch location) (Date)

Attach a copy of the minutes of the general meeting of the Sub-Branch at which this nomination was approved by voting members of the Sub-Branch in accordance with By-Law 3.3. No more than two additional pages of supporting documentation may be provided by the nominee.

[Signature]  
Signature (Sub Branch President)

[Signature]  
Signature (Sub Branch Secretary)

19 SEP 2020  
(Date)

19 SEP 2020  
(Date)

### NOMINEE'S AGREEMENT

I, JOHN STRACHAN accept the nominations listed on page 1(one) of this submission.

[Signature]  
(Nominee Signature)

On 19 SEP 2020  
(Date)

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**STATEMENT BY  
JOHN STRACHAN OAM  
NOMINEE FOR STATE DEPUTY PRESIDENT  
RSL (QUEENSLAND BRANCH)**

**Fellow Members,**

Given the impositions of the Covid Pandemic which has already changed the RSL landscape to the extent that when it is finished we don't know what the new normal will look like, we should be wary of changes imposed as a result. This is a "Grass Roots" organisation where members should be making the major decisions affecting the organisation and change should be for the better otherwise we will lose our identity and purpose. Winston Churchill once said that if we don't know where we have come from we can't know where we are going. Everything old is not bad and everything new is not good; there should be a happy balance in what we do.

Whilst the State Executive and the Board were elected to conduct and shape the business of the League between AGMs, we are also there to preserve the ideals and dignity of the organisation in to the future. A good working knowledge of the RSL and its iconic status in the community is an essential in this position and I have developed this as a recent Sub Branch President and former District President. In fact, this experience provides an insight into the challenges facing us at this level and does provide awareness of what is required to take us forward. What must be at the forefront of all our thinking and actions however is our ability to adhere to the furtherance of our objects and assist Veterans wherever they maybe. **In short we should never lose sight of the purpose and function of the RSL, it is our reason for being as an organisation.**

All the high profile programs - the Employment, Homelessness, Education etc - are very worthwhile and necessary, but should be enhancements to the real work of the RSL, the work done at Sub Branch level be it mates looking after mates, taking a fellow Veteran shopping, mowing his/her lawn etc and providing the camaraderie most of us are seeking. **Whilst we should be embracing the younger veterans and encouraging them to join, we cannot forget about the 30,000 other members, us!**

To do all this we must retain our sense of purpose, keep the ship on a straight course, prevent it from becoming top heavy and above all keep it sailing in the right direction. Your Board must adhere to these ideals be forthright and firm in their deliberations and represent you the Membership in an unselfish manner without thought of personal gain, after all that is what you elected them for, and I believe you must hold us to account if we are to remain a Membership based organisation.

We are an iconic organisation and we **must** maintain and further this image. All the above may sound like rambling, but at this juncture you may need to read between the lines.

The RSL exists to benefit Members. It seems at the moment as if it exists to only raise funds to sustain itself as a business and the Membership is simply a reason for being. This could render Members irrelevant further down the track.



The ACNC were very definite on how funds raised should be spent. As a result of Covid and other factors we have Sub Branches struggling to keep their heads above water with all sorts of pressures both financial and governance wise. It is not tomorrow's problem - it is today's - and needs to be addressed **now**, not after a myriad of studies by outside agencies using Veterans' funds. Another **now** problem is Membership which needs to be urgently addressed. Members have over the years vehemently resisted any watering down of eligibility to become a member and we should not start now! In short, an individual must have worn the uniform of the Defence Force to join the League and unless they have served they are not eligible. The last figures available indicated that there were well over six figures of ex servicemen and women in Queensland who are not members of the RSL and we need to pursue that cohort to become Members. We should not go down the same track as other States with affiliates; that to me is a recipe for disaster and problems in the other States are evidencing this. In one state, non-League Members can sit on Sub Branch boards. The other answer is to recognise non-renewals and put measures in place to fix the issue. We have a very large population of current serving servicemen and women who are posted regularly, many whom we lose as members. We could address this by the formation of an Electronic Sub Branch which is portable wherever they are posted, and when they discharge they can transfer to the Sub Branch of their choice. All that is required is a regular newsletter contact etc providing updates on programs on pertinent items of interest.

These are not answers for all our shortcomings but merely a snapshot of what can be done if there is a will.

Where we should acknowledge the work being done is that of Veteran Services who are doing great work in that space supporting our members and future members. Success is not final and failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts.

**There are many challenges facing us if we want to remain for another 104 years, but to remain with our same sense of purpose and unity in a form that cares for members is the real challenge.**

It is, as always, a privilege and honour to serve the ex-service community, and I firmly believe my expertise and experience have allowed me to assist in driving change and with your support I can continue in the next term and help restore the RSL to its rightful place as the premier ESO.

**John Strachan OAM**  
**State Deputy President**



**RSL**  
Queensland

## NOMINATION FOR STATE EXECUTIVE

### APPLICANT PARTICULARS

SURNAME	TAYLOR
FIRST NAMES	Gwynneth WENDY
SUB BRANCH	Defence Service Nurses
DISTRICT	South Eastern District Ltd



Nominate for the position of:

State Deputy President of Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch)

### LEAGUE DETAILS

#### PERIOD OF MEMBERSHIP

Date From	Date To	Sub Branch
1 <sup>st</sup> May 1991	1992	Randwick Sub Branch NSW
Feb 2004	present	Defence Service Nurses Qld (DSN)

### LEAGUE SERVICE

(To include Committee appointments and service as a Delegate or Board member)

SUB BRANCH Defence Service Nurses

Date from	Date to	Appointment
Mar 2005	2014	President DSN
Mar 2005	2014	SED Delegate
Mar 2005	2015	Membership Officer
Mar 2014	Present	Vice President DSN
Mar 2014	2018	Alternative Delegate DSN

DISTRICT BRANCH South Eastern District Ltd

Date From	Date To	Sub Branch
Mar 2008	Mar 2014	Vice Present SED
Mar 2009	2013	Editor Newsletter SED
Mar 2014	Present	President SED
Mar 2014	Present	Chair of ANZAC Day Parade Brisbane



## NATIONAL & STATE BRANCH

Date From	Date To	Appointment
Mar 2014	Present	Director RSL QLD Board
2014	2019	Remuneration Committee member
2019	Present	Nomination & Remuneration Committee Chair

## RSL SERVICE & COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES

### FUNDRAISING

Veteran Care Association – fund raising to support Veterans to undertake Timor Awakening Program, have been involved with this activity since 2016 to present
Bright Paws Foundation- Assistance Dogs for Veterans, have been involved in fund raising for their program since 2018
Memorabilia sales to assist Sub Branch in providing welfare to veterans
Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses

### REPATRIATION

Hospital visits to Sub Branch members
Home visits and social activities of Sub Branch members
QLD RSL representative on The Queensland Forum of Ex-Service Organisations
QLD RSL representative Joint Government Steering Committee for the Finding Centaur Project 2009-2010

### COMMUNITY

Presentation to numerous organisations the History of Australian Defence Nursing
Presentation to numerous organisations the Sinking and finding of AHS Centaur
School talks for ANZAC Day
Involved in the establishment of a Wellbeing, Wellness Hub for Veterans and the Community at Logan
Presentation to numerous organisations on the History of Australian Women's Service



## EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS and/or COMMERCIAL QUALIFICATIONS / EXPERIENCE THAT MAY ASSIST THE LEAGUE

Secondary Education undertaken in UK, gained entry into Thomas Danby College Leeds
Post Registration Bachelor of Nursing Degree Griffith University 1994
Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston Texas 1996 Diploma of Perioperative Nursing
Commanding Officers Course 2002
Joint Health Planning 2002
Psychology for Health Professionals
Sociology for Health Professionals
Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management
Undertaken Courses in Equity, Occupational Health and Safety, and Management
Senior First Aid
Company Directors Course with Australian Institute Company Directors 2018
Personal Development with Australian Institute of Management
Governance Institute of Australia - Governance for Not-for-Profits- 2019
Governance Institute of Australia – Governance and Risk Management- 2020
Governance Institute of Australia - Not-for-Profit Financial Management- 2020
Strong development of Management Skills with Defence Members and Contractors
As Commanding Officer of Canberra Area Health Units responsible for the efficient functioning of numerous Health Facilities, employing Uniformed, Public Servants and Contractor personnel to care for the Health and Wellbeing of the Current Serving members. Responsible for the Budget, Management, Counselling and arbitration of staff and patients.

## BRIEF MILITARY HISTORY

Service	Date Served From	Date Served to
Army Reserve Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (RAANC)	13 August 1981	12 December 1989
Australian Defence Force RAANC	13 December 1989	Aug 31 2005
Officer Commanding 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Health Support Battalions	December 1989	Dec 2001
Desert Shield/Desert Storm- Gulf War 1	Jan 1991	Apr 1991
Desert Storm -USNS Comfort	Awarded U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Citation	Presented 1993
Staff Officer Logistic Support Force	1998	Dec 1999
UNTAET-OP TANAGER	July 2000	February 2001
Commanding Officer of Canberra Area Health Units (CAMU)	Jan 2002	Dec 2003
Senior Health Officer ACT & Southern NSW	Dec 2002	Dec 2003
SO1 Policy & Development	Jan 2004	Aug 2005
Head of Corps RAANC	15 December 2003	Feb 2006
Colonel Commandant RAANC	2009	2015



The nomination was accepted at a general meeting of the Sub Branch at:

NERANG RSL Sub-Branch Inc. On 19 SEPTEMBER 2020  
(Sub Branch location) (Date)

Attach a copy of the minutes of the general meeting of the Sub-Branch at which this nomination was approved by voting members of the Sub-Branch in accordance with By-Law 3.3. No more than two additional pages of supporting documentation may be provided by the nominee.

[Signature] Signature (Sub Branch President) [Signature] Signature (Sub Branch Secretary)  
19 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Date) 19 SEP 2020 (Date)

#### NOMINEE'S AGREEMENT

I, Gwynneth Wendy Taylor accept the nominations listed on  
page 1 (one) of this submission.

G. W. Taylor On 21 Sep 2020  
(Nominee Signature) (Date)

RECEIVED  
22 SEP 2020  
BY: [Signature]



In my application for Nomination for the position of Deputy State President of the Returned & Services League of Australia- Queensland Branch, I have given the information that the application requires.

The first thing you will note is my name Gwynneth Wendy Taylor, I immigrated to Australia in 1968 from the UK and have always been known as Wendy. I was a hospital trained nurse, a wife and a Mother of 2 children. Once I qualified as a nurse, I wanted to give back to this wonderful country and joined the Australian Army Reserve in 1981. This led to me transferring to the Regulars in 1989 and serving a further 16 years. Once I left Defence in 2005 I needed to continue to provide my services to the Defence Community, so I joined the RSL in Queensland.

I chair the ANZAC Day Parade Brisbane, and have volunteered in many executive roles within my Sub Branch, District and RSL Queensland. South Eastern District Limited (SED) has currently 38 Sub Branches in scattered locations in the South East, ranging from Kilcoy, Glasshouse Mountains, to Beaudesert, Nerang and across to the Islands. SED holds monthly Delegates, and SED Board meetings.

I believe now that it is time for me to step up to the Executive Role of Deputy State President of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch).

My core belief is the whatever we do within the RSL should be to assist and care for our Veterans, their families and the local Community.

Holding positions within Defence and the Public Sector, I believe that I have always supported others by advocating on their behalf. I was able, as a Sub Branch President, to put the needs of those Sub Branch members forward to the greater RSL Community with strength, caring and the voice that some of these members were unable to articulate themselves.

Taking on the role of the District President in 2014 and with this position, election to the Board of RSL Qld has allowed me the opportunity to have a greater voice in the RSL Community to bring forward issues that our membership wants to be heard.

When I first took over the South Eastern District Presidency, we also had included in our Sub Branch numbers the previous 10 Gold Coast District Sub Branches. I assisted these Sub Branches to re-establish the District and it was reformed in April 2015

I wrote in one of my yearly report about fighting tooth and nail to uphold the values of the league; these values have been promoted at every opportunity. The core values of the RSL is Welfare and Advocacy, Commemoration and Patriotic Service, Youth Development and Community Engagement as our focus, and we must all strive to achieve and uphold these values. I continue, on a regular basis giving talks to numerous organisations and feel very comfortable in this task. South Eastern District Limited (SED) is in the process of forming Hubs, we saw the need for our declining membership to arrange a safe place where they could meet for camaraderie, support, welfare & wellbeing and also Advocacy for our Veterans, their families and the Local community.

I have continued to support decisions which at times have caused angst among the District members; however these decisions were made for the betterment of the District and good governance, I believe I will bring these same traits in the role of Deputy State President of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch).

The role of Executive positions can at times be very challenging, and as volunteers it can sometimes question you as to why we do these roles. Over 100 years ago, others who started the league could more than likely have had a different answer, but hopefully not. I am sure they started the RSL to care

and support their mates. To give assistance to those in need, to be the friend to those who had gone through like experiences while serving, and to provide welfare to those in trouble.

The RSL is not about what it can give us, it's about what we can contribute for those less fortunate than ourselves. It's about inspiring our younger service men and women to join with us, so we can support each other in times of adversity and sharing the companionship just like we did while in defence.

I have participated in the development of the future direction Returned & Services League of Australia- Queensland Branch, and wholeheartedly support the staff in achieving the goals that have been set to take RSL Qld into the future. We have been extremely fortunate to attract the calibre of the Executive Leadership Team. We now have a team that provide to the Board of RSL Qld sound advice and recommendations on the strategic and operational decisions that are needed to take RSL Qld forward for the next 100 years.

If Elected as Deputy President I will ensure that, on behalf of the members, the Strategic direction and governance of RSL (Qld) is upheld. I will always act in the best interests of the members and ensure that appropriate risk management systems, internal control & reporting systems and compliance frameworks are in place and are operating effectively.

I will be accountable to the members by supporting the implementation of the Strategic Plan and assisting the President of the Returned & Services League of Australia- Queensland Branch in leading RSL (Qld) into the future as the leading Ex Service Organisation.

I will perform all duties as the Deputy President in accordance with the duties and obligations of a Director in the best Interests of the League, ensuring compliance with legislation and industry standards, and will not allow the organisation to operate if insolvent.

Some of my greatest strengths are listening, advocating and acting as a mediator. I have excelled in these roles during my working career, and now as a volunteer I continue to provide these skills to the Veteran, their families and the local community.

I have been privileged to liaise with Government and Legislative bodies in my position as District President and know that I can continue to foster these relationships on behalf of the RSL in Queensland.

Thank you for taking the time to read this submission.

Warm regards

Wendy Taylor