RSL Queensland 2026 Annual General Meeting Minutes

10:00am, Saturday 20 June 2026

Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane

1. Opening of the AGM

The Company Secretary declared the 2026 Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) for the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) (**RSL Queensland**) open at 10:12am.

Attendees were informed that the meeting was being recorded by a videographer commissioned by RSL Queensland. It was noted that this would be the only recording of the meeting, which would be posted on the RSL Queensland website following the meeting.

2. Roll Call - District and Sub Branches

The Company Secretary conducted a roll call, with the following District and Sub-Branches confirming their presence at the meeting:

Airlie Beach-Whitsunday
Allora
Ashgrove Bardon
Atherton
Babinda
Banyo
Barcaldine
Bayside South
Beachmere
Beaudesert
Beenleigh and District
Beerwah and District
Biloela
Blackall
Blackbutt
Boonah
Boyne-Tannum
Bray Park-Strathpine
Goodna
Goondiwindi
Gordonvale
Gracemere and District
Grantham-Ma Ma Creek
Greenbank
Gympie
Harlaxton
Herbert River
Herberton
Hervey Bay
Highfields
Holland Park Mt Gravatt
Home Hill
Howard District
Innisfail
Ipswich
Ipswich Railway
National Servicemens
Nerang
North Gold Coast
North Queensland District
Nundah-Northgate
Pine Rivers District
Pittsworth
Proston
Rainbow Beach
Ravenshoe
Redbank
Redcliffe
Redlands
Rockhampton
Rollingstone
Roma
Runaway Bay
Russell Island

Bribie Island
Brisbane North District
Bulimba District
Bundaberg
Burleigh Heads
Caboolture-Morayfield and District
Cairns
Cairns and District Ex-Servicewomen
Calliope
Caloundra
Cardwell
Centenary Suburbs
Central Queensland District
Chinchilla
Clayfield-Toombul
Clermont
Clifton
Cooktown
Coolum-Peregian
Cooroy-Pomona
Coorparoo and Districts
Crows Nest
Currumbin/Palm Beach
Darra and District
Dayboro
Deception Bay
Defence Service Nurses
Edge Hill/Cairns West
Edmonton
Emerald
Emu Park
Far Northern District
Isis
Jimboomba
Kalbar
Kawana Waters
Kedron-Wavell
Kenmore/Moggill
Kilcoy
Killarney
Kingaroy/Memerambi
Kooralbyn Valley
Kuranda
Kuttabul
Laidley
Logan Village
Longreach
Lowood
Mackay
Macleay Island
Magnetic Island
Malanda
Maleny
Manly-Lota
Mareeba
Marian
Maroochydore
Mary Valley
Maryborough
Meandarra/Glenmorgan
Miles
Mirani
Mitchell
Monto
Moreton District
Mossman
Salisbury
Samford
Sandgate
Seaforth
Sherwood-Indooroopilly
South Eastern District
Southport
Springwood Tri Services
St George
St Helens
Stanthorpe
Stephens
Sunnybank
Sunshine Coast and Regional District
Surfers Paradise
Tamborine Mountain
Tewantin/Noosa
The Gap
Thuringowa
Tiaro
Tin Can Bay
Toogoolawah
Toowong
Toowoomba
Townsville
Tully
Tweed Heads and Coolangatta
Walkerston-Pleystowe
Wallangarra
Warwick
Weipa
Western District
Wide Bay and Burnett District

Forest Lake and Districts
Gatton
Gayndah
Gaythorne
Geebung Zillmere Bald Hills
Aspley
Gemfields
Gin Gin
Gladstone
Glasshouse Country
Gold Coast District
Mount Isa
Mount Larcom
Mount Molloy
Mount Morgan
Mount Perry
Mudgeeraba-Robina
Mudjimba
Murgon
Nambour
Wondai
Woodford
Woodgate Beach
Wynnum
Yandina/Eumundi
Yarrabah
Yarraman
Yeppoon
Yeronga-Dutton Park

The Company Secretary declared that the total number of District and Sub-Branch delegates present and entitled to vote was **181**.

3. Apologies – Sub Branches

The following Sub Branches were registered as Apologies:

Agnes Water/1770
Ayr
Bell
Bowen
Canungra
Charters Towers
City-New Farm
Cloncurry
Cunnamulla
Dalby
Djuan and District
Esk
Fraser Island/Orchid Beach
Greater Springfield
Hellenic
Helidon
Hughenden
Julia Creek
Kenilworth
Leyburn
Mapleton
Millmerran
Moura
Mundubbera
Nanango
Oakey
Proserpine
Surat
Tara
Taroon
Toogoom and District
Wandoan
Winton
Wowan

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Salisbury Sub Branch

Seconded: Far North District

Carried (voting by show of hands)

4. RSL Queensland officials in attendance

4 (a) Roll Call – RSL Queensland Directors

Stephen Day DSC AM
Wendy Taylor
Arran Hassell CSC
Garry Player
Nicholas Gould
Christopher Hamilton
Ashley Naughton
Tony Orchard
Fiona Southwood

4 (b) Executives in Attendance

Robert Skoda, Chief Executive Officer
Troy Watson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Veteran Services
Nikki Amie-Fong, Chief Information Officer
Tracey Bishop, Executive General Manager – Growth and Transformation
Leigh Goldsmith, Executive General Manager People and Organisational Performance
Deborah Pescott, Executive General Manager – Lotteries Strategy and Performance
Natalie von Snarski, Executive General Manager Corporate Services

5. AGM protocols and electronic voting

The Company Secretary provided contextual commentary on the AGM's proceedings, as outlined in the State Congress documentation.

Protocols regarding motions and amendments were explained, including the procedure for members to address the meeting to raise questions or provide commentary.

It was indicated that the Chair of the AGM would call for a poll for each agenda item, and the meeting was briefed on the use of the Lumi electronic voting platform to fulfil that purpose.

The operation of the Lumi voting system, and the confidentiality of the voting process was explained to delegates. Delegate comfort with the system was confirmed using two ‘test’ votes.

The Company Secretary then welcomed State President, Stephen Day DSC AM to the Chair.

6. Appointment of Returning Officer

The meeting was advised that it was proposed that a representative of RSL Queensland's independent Auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) would act as the Returning Officer for the meeting. The meeting was briefed on the minor administrative update to the motion, noting that Darren Jenns was no longer able to attend the meeting, and Andrew Weeden from PwC would be acting as the Returning Officer. There were no objections to this change, and the Chair declared that the motion was updated by unanimous consent.

Motion: That a representative of the independent auditor for the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch), Andrew Weeden PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) be appointed as the Returning Officer and staff of PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed as Scrutineers for the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: North Queensland District

Poll results - Carried

For: 99% *Against: 0%* *Abstain: 1%*

7. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2025 AGM

The meeting was informed that, in accordance with the Constitution, the draft minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting had been distributed electronically via districts, six weeks after the 2025 AGM and made available on the RSL Queensland website.

Motion: That the draft minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Redbank Sub Branch

Poll results - Carried

For: 91% *Against: 0%* *Abstain: 9%*

8. Presentation and adoption of the State President (Chair of RSL Queensland Board) 2025 Annual Report

The meeting was advised that Annual Report of the State President (Chair) of RSL Queensland had been provided to members electronically and had been available on the RSL Queensland website since 22 May 2026.

The Annual Report was taken as read.

Motion: That the Annual Report of the State President (Chair) of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for 2025 be adopted.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Kalbar Sub Branch

Poll results - Carried

For: 98% *Against: 0%* *Abstain: 2%*

9. Receiving the Auditor's Report on the Financial Affairs for RSL Queensland for the year ending 31 December 2025

The Chair confirmed that the Auditor's Report had been provided to members within the State Congress Documentation.

The Auditor's Report was taken as read.

Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions of Andrew Weeden, a representative of PwC and the independent auditor, who was in attendance, regarding the audit process, and no questions were received.

Motion: That the Auditor's Report on the Financial Affairs of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for the year ending 31 December 2025 be received.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Toowoomba Sub Branch

Poll results - Carried

For: 99% *Against: 0%* *Abstain: 1%*

10. Presentation and adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2025

The Chair confirmed that the audited Financial Statements had been provided to members in the State Congress Documentation and were taken as read.

Attendees were provided the opportunity to ask questions of Robert Skoda, RSL Queensland Chief Executive Officer, regarding the audited Financial Statements and no questions were raised.

Motion: That the Audited Financial Statements of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for the year ending 31 December 2025 be adopted.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Calliope Sub Branch

Poll results - Carried

For: 99% *Against: 0%* *Abstain: 1%*

11. Appointment of Auditor

The Chair briefed the meeting on good governance practices in the appointment of auditors, noting that the individual audit partner would be changing from next year, however the audit firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, would remain the same.

Motion: That PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed as External Auditor for for the 2026 financial affairs for the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Group, comprising RSL Queensland and its Related Bodies Corporate.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Gatton Sub Branch

Poll results - Carried

For: 98% *Against: 1%* *Abstain: 1%*

12. Motions from State Branch, Districts and Sub-Branches

The Chair confirmed that there was one motion received from City-New Farm RSL Sub-Branch. The Chair put the motion to the meeting:

Motion:

That RSL Queensland formally request for RSL Australia to strengthen consultation and engagement with League members on matters affecting the League and the veteran community, including through meaningful opportunities for member input via a reinstated National Congress or another appropriate representative forum.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Boyne Tannum Sub Branch

Following seconding of the motion, the Chair invited Delegates to speak for or against the motion. No Delegates spoke for or against the motion.

The Chair then called for a poll for the motion.

Poll results - Carried

For: 84% *Against: 12%* *Abstain: 4%*

13. Ballot for the election of a Skills-based Director

The Chair introduced the nominees for the role of Skills-based Director, confirming that the nominees were listed on the ballot in alphabetical order by surname:

- Daniel Byatt
- David Counsell
- Steven Drinkwater OAM
- Nigel Hennessy
- Christopher Leeds
- Ashley Naughton
- Meegan Olding
- Dr Cathryn Robinson
- Warren Tapp RFD

The Company Secretary confirmed the validity of the nominations.

The Chair called for a poll for the role of Skills-Based Director.

It was confirmed that all votes had been received.

The Chair confirmed that **Ashley Naughton** received the majority of votes and was declared duly elected as a Director.
The Chair noted that candidates may nominate for more than one role but may accept only one position. Ashley Naughton was invited to the stage to confirm with the Chair whether he wished to remain on the ballot for State Deputy President.
The Chair announced that Ashley Naughton formally withdrew from the State Deputy President ballot.

14. Ballot for the election of State Deputy President

The Chair introduced the nominees for the role of State Deputy President, confirming that the nominees were listed on the ballot in alphabetical order by surname:

- Douglas (Doug) Egan
- Cherisa (CJ) Pearce

The Company Secretary confirmed the validity of the nominations.

The Chair called for a poll for the role of State Deputy President.

It was confirmed that all votes had been received.

The Chair confirmed that **Cherisa (CJ) Pearce** received the majority of votes and was declared duly elected as State Deputy President.

15. Destruction of Voting Information

The Chair called for a vote for the destruction of all voting information noting that all polling data would be deleted so that the data could no longer be retrieved or accessed.

Motion: That the form authorising the destruction of voting data be signed.

Moved: RSL Queensland Board

Seconded: Mary Valley Sub Branch

Poll result - Carried:

For: 99% *Against: 0%* *Abstain: 1%*

It was noted that the data would be deleted from the Lumi Technologies equipment at the end of the meeting, and the meeting will be advised that all voting data has been destroyed after a representative from Lumi Technologies sign the document confirming the deletion.

16. Confirmation of Directors of RSL Queensland

The Chair invited the members of the Board to the stage, and the Company Secretary confirmed the Directors of RSL Queensland:

- State President: Stephen Day DSC AM
- State Deputy President: Cherisa (CJ) Pearce
- State Vice President: Arran Hassell CSC
- Garry Player
- Tony Orchard
- Nicholas Gould
- Ashley Naughton
- Fiona Southwood
- Christopher Hamilton

15. Meeting Closure

The Company Secretary advised the meeting that the Returning Officer had confirmed that all voting data had been destroyed.

The Company Secretary declared the AGM closed at 11:11am.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Stephen Day DSC AM, Chair / /2027