

RSL QUEENSLAND

State Congress

Supplement and Delegate information

2024



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RSL Queensland's mission is to provide **care, commemoration** and **camaraderie** to enable veterans and their families to live with dignity and respect.

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RSL QUEENSLAND OBJECTS

RSL Queensland is consistently guided by the pursuit of the below Objects:

- 2.1** The main objects for which the RSL (Queensland Branch) is established is to relieve the distress and poverty suffered by the sick, helpless, wounded, aged, vulnerable, destitute and needy among those who are serving or who have served in the Australian Defence Forces and their dependants.
- 2.2** RSL (Queensland Branch) achieves this object by implementing and connecting those in need with programs and services to assist in the relief of their distress and suffering and, these programs, services and activities may include the following, provided that they are conducted in aid and furtherance of its main object in clause 2.1:
 - 2.2.1** Relieve mental health issues and isolation experienced by past and present members of the Defence Forces and encourage their transition to civilian life by:
 - (a) facilitating the close and kindly ties of friendship created by a mutual service in the Australian Defence Force or in the forces of nations traditionally allied with Australia and the recollections associated with that experience;
 - (b) maintaining a proper standard of dignity and honour among all past and present members of the Defence Forces of the nation and to set an example of public spirit and noble hearted endeavour;
 - (c) protecting the good name and preserve the interests and standing of members of the Australian Defence Force;
 - (d) encouraging Members, as citizens, to serve Australia with that spirit of self-sacrifice and loyalty with which they served as members of the Australian Defence Forces; and
 - (e) encouraging continued loyalty to Australia and secure patriotic service in the interests of Australia;
 - 2.2.2** Assist in the preservation of the memory and the records of those who suffered and died for Australia, erect monuments to their valour, provide them with suitable burial places, and establish and preserve, in their honour, the annual commemoration days known as ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and other commemorative days;
 - 2.2.3** Provide welfare to the sick, helpless, wounded, vulnerable, aged, destitute and needy;
 - 2.2.4** Support serving Australian Defence Force members at home and abroad and actively assist them in their transition to civilian life, especially if they are detrimentally affected by their Defence service.

2024 STATE CONGRESS PROGRAM

FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2024

12pm – 4pm	Delegate arrival/registration – regional delegates	Main entrance foyer, Royal International Convention Centre
2pm	Accommodation check-in opens	Rydgcs Fortitude Valley

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2024

8am	Accommodation check-in opens	Rydgcs Fortitude Valley
All events on Saturday will take place at the Royal International Convention Centre		
7:30am – 8:30am	Delegate arrival/registration	Main entrance foyer, Royal International Convention Centre
9am – 9:30am	Opening Ceremony Dress code: Business attire with full medals	Hall C, Royal International Convention Centre
9:30am – 5pm	AGM and Business Sessions Includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea Dress code: Business attire	Halls A & B, Royal International Convention Centre
6:30pm – 10:30pm	Gala Dinner Dress code: Full suit or formal dress with miniatures	Hall C, Royal International Convention Centre

SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024

7:30am onwards	Delegates depart / shuttles depart for Brisbane Domestic Airport	Rydgcs Fortitude Valley to Brisbane Domestic Airport
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2024 STATE CONGRESS AND AGM AGENDA

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

1. Convening Notice – 2024 State Congress declared open
2. Opening Ceremony
3. Introduction and welcome
4. Fallen Comrades
5. Hours of sitting
6. Annual General Meeting commences
7. Roll call
8. In attendance
9. Other RSL Queensland officials and VIPs
10. Apologies
11. Testing of voting equipment
12. Appointment of Returning Officers and Scrutineers
13. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting
14. Presentation and adoption of the State President (Chair of RSL Queensland Board) 2023 Annual Report
15. Receiving the Auditor's Report on the Financial Affairs of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for the year ending 31 December 2023
16. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2023
17. Appointment of Auditor
18. Motions from State Branch, Districts and Sub Branches
19. Ballot for the election of the State President (Board Chair)
20. Announcement of the election of the State President (Board Chair)
21. Destruction of voting information
22. Confirmation of Directors of RSL Queensland
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27. Presentation 2: State Secretary
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2024 STATE CONGRESS SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



Agenda items

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7. Roll call

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Agnes Water/1770	Calliope	Forest Lake and Districts
Airlie Beach-Whitsunday	Caloundra	Gatton
Allora	Canungra	Gayndah
Ashgrove-Bardon	Cardwell	Gaythorne
Atherton	Centenary Suburbs	Geebung Zillmere
Babinda	Central Queensland District	Bald Hills Aspley
Banyo	Chinchilla	Gemfields
Barcaldine	City-New Farm	Gin Gin
Beachmere	Clayfield-Toombul	Gladstone
Beaudesert	Clermont	Glasshouse Country
Beenleigh and District	Clifton	Gold Coast District
Beerwah and District	Cloncurry	Goodna
Bell	Cooktown	Goondiwindi
Biloela	Coolum-Peregian	Gordonvale
Blackall	Cooroy-Pomona	Gracemere and District
Blackbutt	Coorparoo and Districts	Grantham-Ma Ma Creek
Boonah	Crows Nest	Greater Springfield
Bowen	Cunnamulla	Greenbank
Boyne-Tannum	Currumbin/Palm Beach	Gympie
Bray Park-Strathpine	Darra and District	Harlaxton
Bribie Island	Dayboro	Helidon
Brisbane North District	Deception Bay	Herbert River
Bulimba District	Defence Service Nurses	Herberton
Bundaberg	Djuan and District	Hervey Bay
Burleigh Heads	Edge Hill/Cairns West	Highfields
Caboolture-Morayfield and District	Emerald	Holland Park-Mt Gravatt
Cairns	Emu Park	Home Hill
Cairns and District	Farleigh and Northern Beaches	Howard District
Ex-Servicewomen	Far Northern District	Hughenden
		Innisfail

Ipswich	Moura	Sunnybank
Ipswich Railway	Mudgeeraba-Robina	Sunshine Coast and Regional District
Isis	Mudjimba	Surat
Jimboomba	Murgon	Surfers Paradise
Julia Creek	Nambour	Tamborine Mountain
Kawana Waters	Nanango	Tewantin/Noosa
Kedron-Wavell	Nerang	The Gap
Kenmore/Moggill	North Gold Coast	Thuringowa
Kilcoy	North Queensland District	Tiaro
Kingaroy/Memerambi	Nundah-Northgate	Tin Can Bay
Kuranda	Oakey	Toogoom and District
Kuttabul	Orchid Beach/Fraser Island	Toowong
Laidley	Pine Rivers	Townsville
Logan Village	Pittsworth	Tramways
Longreach	Proserpine	Tully
Lowood	Proston	Tweed Heads and Coolangatta
Mackay	Rainbow Beach	Walkerston-Pleystowe
Macleay Island	Ravenshoe	Wallangarra
Magnetic Island	Redbank	Warwick
Malanda	Redbank Plains	Weipa
Maleny	Redcliffe	Western District
Manly-Lota	Redlands	Wide Bay and Burnett District
Mapleton	Rockhampton	Wondai
Mareeba	Rollingstone	Woodford
Marian	Roma	Woodgate
Maroochydore	Rosewood	Wowan
Mary Valley	Runaway Bay	Wynnum
Meandarra/Glenmorgan	Russell Island	Yandina-Eumundi
Miles	Salisbury	Yarrabah
Mirani	Samford	Yarraman
Mitchell	Sandgate	Yeronga-Dutton Park
Monto	Sherwood-Indooroopilly	
Moreton District	South Eastern District	
Mossman	Southport	
Mount Isa	Springwood Tri-Service	
Mount Larcom	St George	
Mount Molloy	St Helens	
Mount Morgan	Stanthorpe	
Mount Perry	Stephens	

8. In attendance

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Banyo	Geebung Zillmere	Rockhampton
Beenleigh and District	Bald Hills Aspley	Runaway Bay
Bribie Island	Gemfields	St Helens
Bulimba District	Gold Coast District	Sunnybank
Caboolture-Morayfield	Gracemere and District	Sunshine Coast
Central Queensland District	Mackay	and Regional District
Clermont	Marian	Tamborine Mountain
Currumbin/Palm Beach	Murgon	Thuringowa
Darra and District	North Gold Coast	Walkerston-Pleystowe
Defence Service Nurses	Pine Rivers	Woodford
Far Northern District	Redbank Plains	
Gatton	Redcliffe	

9. Other RSL Queensland officials and VIPs

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RSL Queensland Board of Directors

Major General Stephen Day DSC AM	State President
Wendy Taylor	State Deputy President
Bill Whitburn OAM	State Vice President
Garry Player	Chair, State Council of District Presidents
Tony Orchard	Director
Nicholas Gould	Director
Christopher Hamilton	Director
Ashley Naughton	Director
Fiona Southwood	Director

RSL Queensland Executive Leadership Committee

Robert Skoda	Chief Executive Officer
Troy Watson	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Veteran Services (not in attendance)
Tracey Bishop	Executive General Manager Commercial and Investments
Leigh Goldsmith	Executive General Manager People and Organisational Performance
Kerri Ryan	Executive General Manager Corporate Services
Nikki Amie-Fong	Interim Chief Information Officer

VIP guests

Lieutenant General Mark Evans AO DSC (Retd)	Guest speaker for 2024 RSL Queensland State Congress Gala Dinner
Kahlil Fegan DSC AM	Australia's Repatriation Commissioner
James Lister MP	Queensland Shadow Assistant Minister for Defence Industry, Veterans, Higher Education and Research
James (Jimmy) Sullivan MP	Queensland Assistant Minister for Justice and Veterans' Affairs

10. Apologies

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Ayr
Bayside South
Charters Towers
Defence Servicewomen's
Edmonton
Esk
Finch Hatton
Goombungee
Hellenic
Kalbar
Kenilworth
Kooralbyn Valley
Maryborough
Mundubbera
National Servicemens
Seaforth
Tara
Toogoolawah
Toowoomba
Winton



11. Testing of voting equipment

12. Appointment of Returning Officers and Scrutineers

Motion: "That a representative of the independent auditor for the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch), Darren Jenns PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) be appointed as the Returning Officer and staff of PwC be appointed as Scrutineers for the 2024 Annual General Meeting."

13. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Refer to: www.rslqld.org/whats-on/state-congress to view the Minutes.

Motion: "That the draft Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting."

14. Presentation and adoption of the State President (Chair of RSL Queensland Board) 2023 Annual Report

Refer to: www.rslqld.org/News/Annual-Reports to view the 2023 Annual Report.

Motion: "That the Annual Report of the State President (Board Chair) of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for 2023 be adopted."

15. Receiving the Auditor's Report on the Financial Affairs of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for the year ending 31 December 2023

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 2023 be received."

16. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2023

Motion: "That the Audited Financial Statements of the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for the year ending 31 December 2023 be adopted."

17. Appointment of Auditor

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

18. Motions from State Branch, Districts and Sub Branches

Mudgeeraba-Robina RSL Sub Branch

Motion 1: "RSL Queensland are to investigate the ability to add all qualified RSL volunteer compensation advocates to the RSL Queensland's Provider Digital Access (PRODA) as a volunteer member of RSL Queensland's organisation, if requested by the advocate."

Rationale:

1. To allow access to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Ex-Service Organisational portal.
2. Will facilitate with online lodgement of claims.
3. To provide a better service experience to the wider veteran community
4. Accelerate the claim process for the veteran community.
5. The ability to confirm DVA accepted and rejected conditions.
6. Increase productivity by reducing the time spent on paper claims.
7. Reduce the amount of paper files stored.
8. Bring the volunteer advocates in line with RSL Queensland paid advocates.

Motion 2: "RSL Queensland are to investigate the ability to provide restricted access to the Wellbeing/Welfare database for qualified RSL volunteer wellbeing advocates. The access is to confirm if a veteran has been assigned a paid wellbeing advocate and if so the contact details of the RSL Queensland advocate. There is to be no access to notes or history."

Rationale:

1. Reduce the duplication of services offered to a veteran.
2. Increase in productivity by not re-referring veterans.
3. Reducing ESO shopping.
4. Providing a better wellbeing outcome for veterans.

19. Ballot for the election of the State President (Board Chair)

Major General Stephen Day DSC AM
William (Bill) Whitburn OAM

20. Announcement of the election of the State President (Board Chair)

21. Destruction of voting information

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

22. Confirmation of Directors of RSL Queensland

Position up for election	State President (Board Chair)
Wendy Taylor	State Deputy President
Bill Whitburn OAM *	State Vice President
Garry Player	Chair, State Council of District Presidents
Tony Orchard	Director
Nicholas Gould	Director
Christopher Hamilton	Director
Ashley Naughton	Director
Fiona Southwood	Director

**Subject to the outcome of the State President election*

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2024 STATE CONGRESS DELEGATE INFORMATION

Delegate Information

STATE CONGRESS AND AGM VENUE

Royal International Convention Centre
Brisbane Showgrounds
600 Gregory Terrace
Bowen Hills QLD 4006

DELEGATE PARKING

Please refer to precinct map on page 22.

TRANSPORT

RSL Queensland will provide shuttle transfers for all delegates flying in and out of Brisbane. For delegates driving, a per kilometre reimbursement in line with ATO direction will be provided post event.

Submissions for kilometre reimbursement have been captured in your pre-event registration and will be refunded via your District.

DELEGATE ACCOMMODATION

Rydges Fortitude Valley
601 Gregory Terrace
Bowen Hills QLD 4006

CREDIT CARD ON CHECK IN

Please be aware that delegates will need to present a valid credit card on check-in at Rydges Fortitude Valley.

This is standard practice in hotels, and if there are no additional costs associated with the room, no charges will be made to the credit card.

Delegates will be responsible for the payment of any costs incurred outside of those covered by RSL Queensland. Your accommodation includes breakfast during your stay.

ASSISTANCE

If you require assistance during the State Congress, please contact your District Secretary in the first instance on the mobile number provided below.

DISTRICT	CONTACT		
Brisbane North	Antoinette Joubert	District Secretary	0448 889 635
	Gabriela Dixon	Admin Assistant	0437 517 092
Central Queensland	Lynette Phillips	District Secretary	0432 124 514
	Kylie Vogrinec	Admin Assistant	0477 996 091
Far Northern	Julie Tepaz	District Secretary	0429 321 548
Gold Coast	Angeli Dabon	District Secretary	0438 914 508
	Sarah Ewart	Admin Assistant	0497 362 648
Moreton	Catherine Akers	District Secretary	0488 776 949
North Queensland	Monica Flack	District Secretary	0436 621 231
South Eastern	Julia Taunton-Burnet	District Secretary	0458 806 944
	Annie Senden	Admin Assistant	0487 087 778
Sunshine Coast and Regional	Kath Barry	District Secretary	0409 751 272
	Rosemary Devery	Admin Assistant	0428 835 495
Western	Tracey-Fay Penrose	District Secretary	0488 075 186
Wide Bay and Burnett	Sharyn Fairlie	Admin Assistant	0429 461 154

PRECINCT MAP



AIRPORT SHUTTLE TIMETABLE

DATE	PICK UP TIME	PICK UP POINT	DROP OFF POINT
Wednesday 19 June	1:30pm – 3pm Select seats for regional delegates	Brisbane Domestic Airport	Rydges Fortitude Valley
Thursday 20 June	2:30pm – 9pm Select seats for regional delegates	Brisbane Domestic Airport	Rydges Fortitude Valley
Friday 21 June	9am – 10pm	Brisbane Domestic Airport	Rydges Fortitude Valley
Sunday 23 June	7:30am – 4:30pm	Rydges Fortitude Valley	Brisbane Domestic Airport

Please contact your District Secretary for access to a detailed shuttle roster aligned to your personal arrival and departure times.

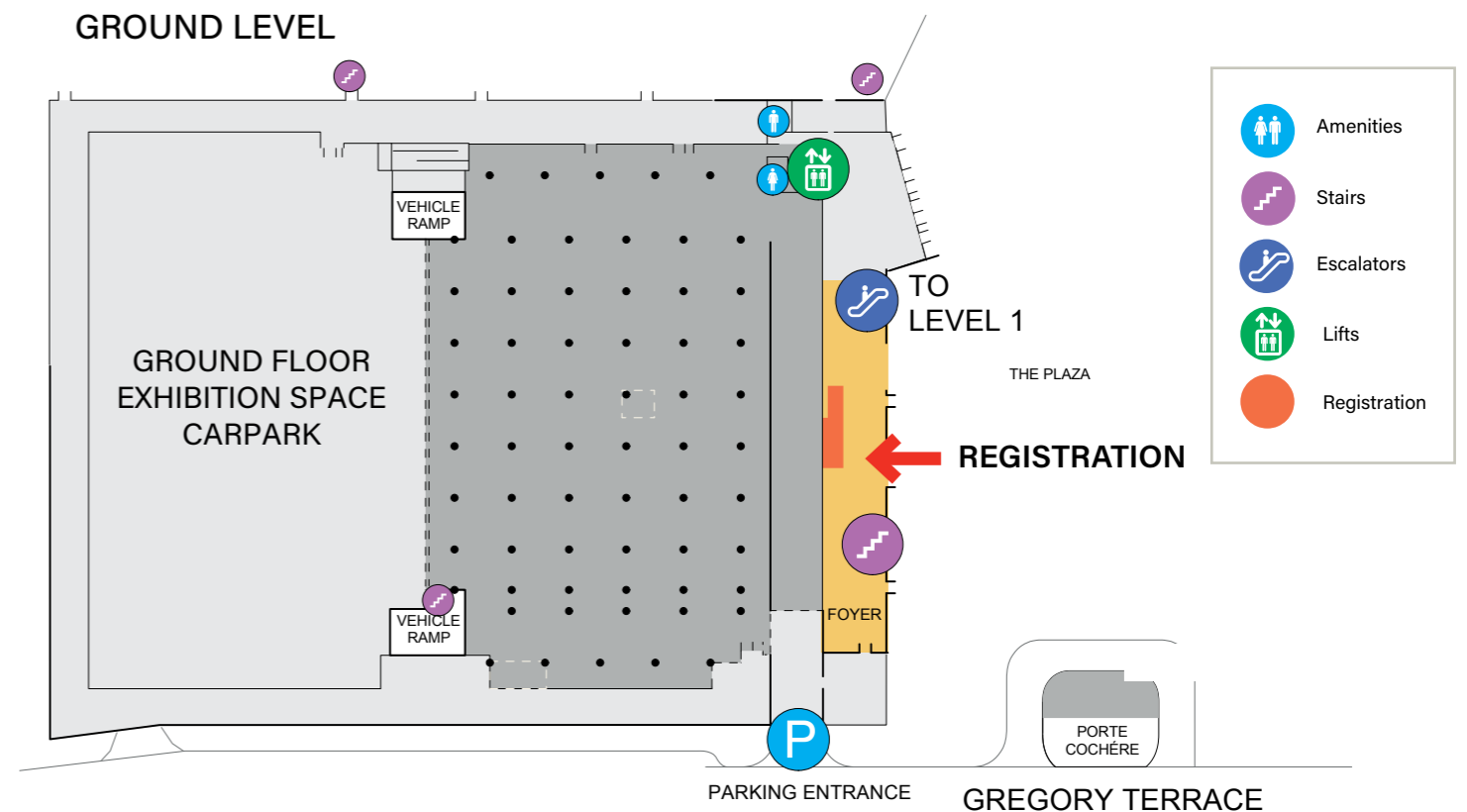
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Delegates and Replacement Delegates can register at the venue and times below

Registration location: Main entrance foyer, Royal International Convention Centre

Friday 21 June 2024
12pm – 4pm

Saturday 22 June 2024
7:30am – 8:30am



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EVENTS TIMETABLES

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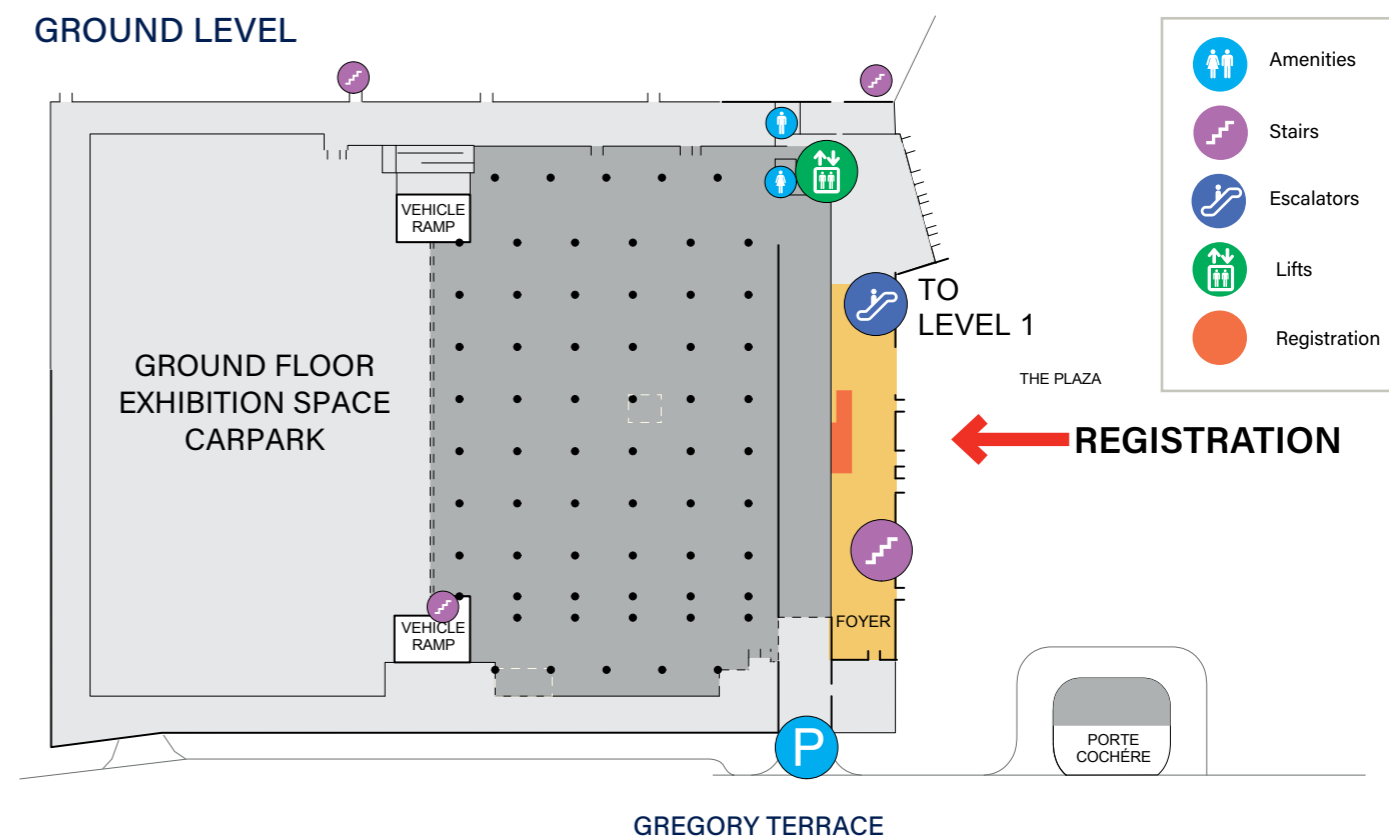
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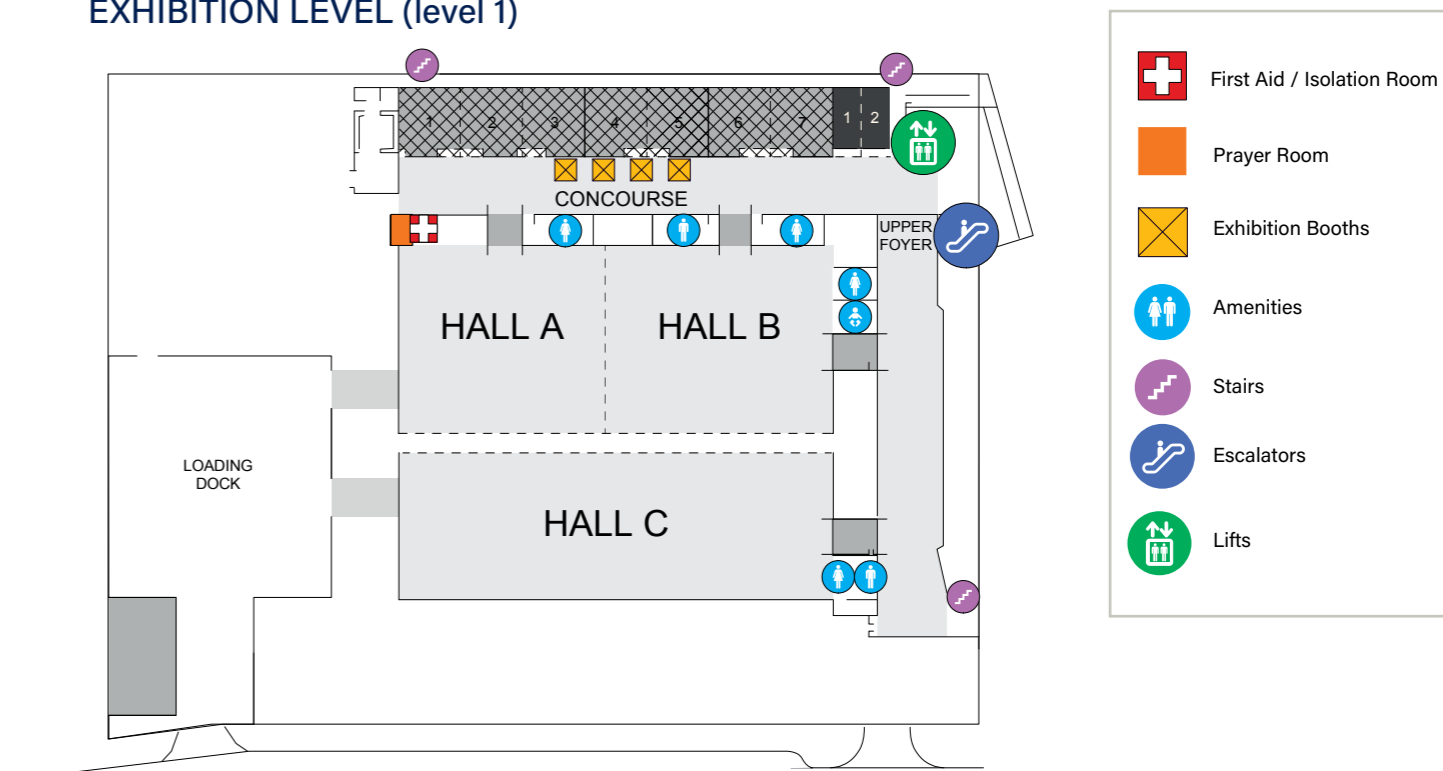
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ROYAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE VENUE MAPS

GROUND LEVEL



EXHIBITION LEVEL (level 1)



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AFTERNOON SESSIONS AND AGM SEATING

DISTRICTS

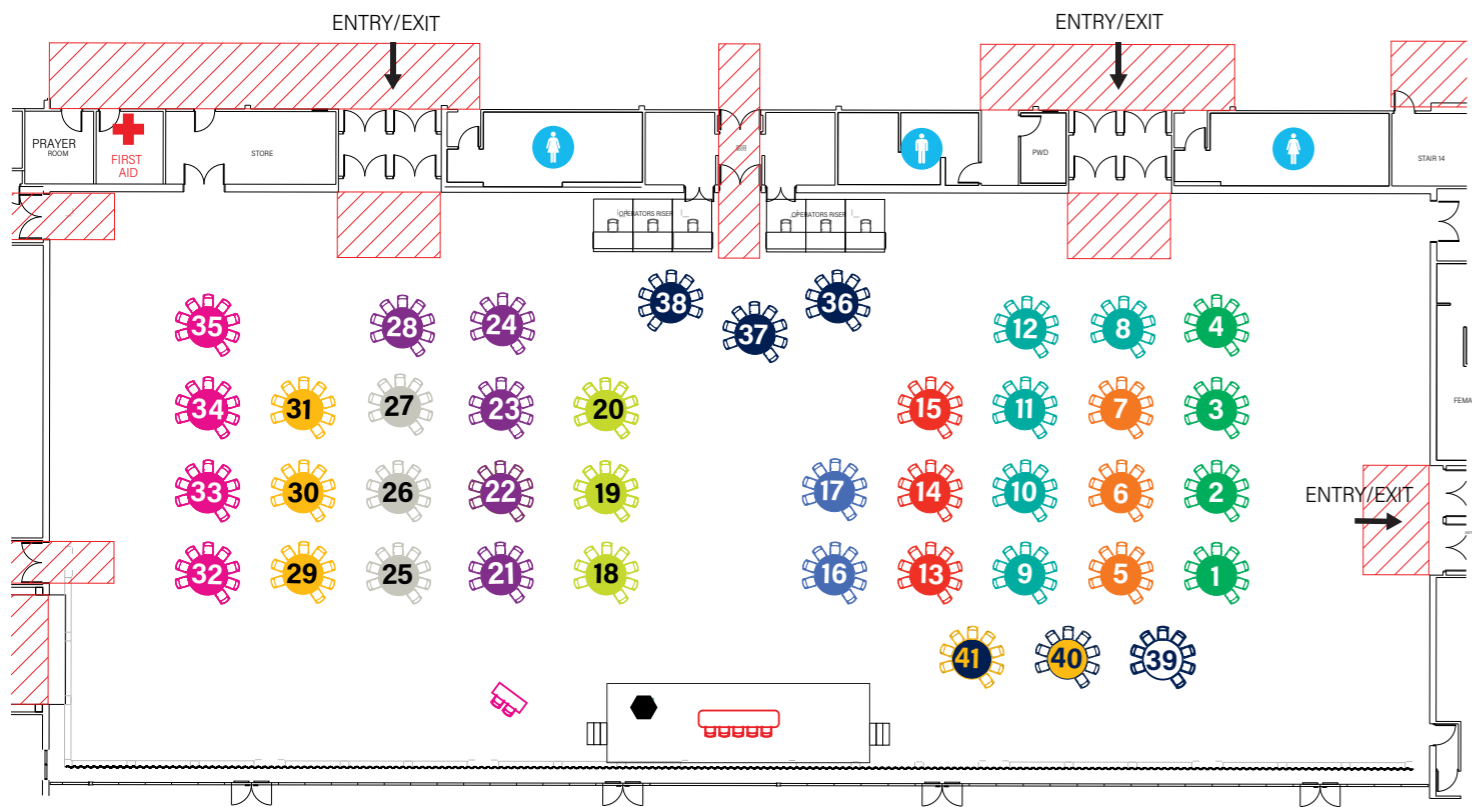
- Brisbane North
- North Queensland
- Central Queensland
- South Eastern
- Far Northern
- Sunshine Coast & Regional
- Gold Coast
- Western
- Moreton
- Wide Bay & Burnett

STAFF AND GUESTS

- Staff
- Director/Committee Member
- RSL Queensland Executive
- Guests

- ◆ Lectern
- Stage table
- ◆ Minute taker

CONCOURSE



Halls A and B combined

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