

Application for Vice President (Vice Chair) role

Personal Details		
Surname	Hassell	
First names	Arran Pearce	
Preferred name	Arran	
Honours and awards (if applicable)	CSC	
League Details		
District Branch	Gold Coast	
Sub Branch	Tamborine Mountain	
Period of League Membership		
Date from	Date to	Sub Branch
2023	Present	Tamborine Mountain
Details of League Service (e.g., Board/Committee roles, appointment as Delegate)		
Date from	Date to	Role / Sub Branch / District / State / National
		Nil

(Please attach a separate page if required)

Nomination Form

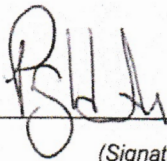
In accordance with the RSL Queensland Constitution, each candidate for election as a Director must be proposed by a Service Member or Life Member and seconded by another Service Member or Life Member.

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	Phillip Hunter Arran Hassell
Sub Branch	Tamborine Mountain
Date of Sub Branch meeting	Management Committee Meeting 19/03/2025

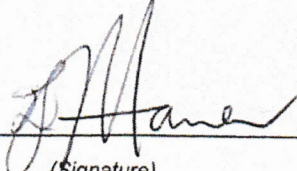
I confirm that the nomination of the abovenamed applicant for the role of Vice President was validly endorsed/approved at the Sub Branch meeting:


(Signature)

Name Phillip Hunter

Role: President

Date 20/03/2025


(Signature)

Name David Hansen

Role: Vice - President

Date 20/03/2025

Acknowledgement & consent

I, Arran Hassell, acknowledge and agree that:

	Yes	No
I consent to being nominated for election as Vice President (Vice Chair) 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"> I am not disqualified from managing a corporation within the meaning of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth). I have not been disqualified by the ACNC at any time from being a responsible person of a registered charity. I am not ineligible to be a director under the <i>Associations Incorporation Act 1981</i> (Qld). I am able to obtain a valid working with children's check before taking office. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have read and understood the Position Description contained in Annexure A and Skills Matrix contained in Annexure B .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am willing to uphold the RSL Queensland values and objects (as contained in the <u>Code of Conduct</u> and <u>Constitution</u>).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If elected, I will hold office for a term of 3 years from the date of appointment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have familiarised myself with the requirements, if elected, under both the <u>ACNC Governance Standards</u> and <u>Governance for good: A guide for Responsible People ACNC</u> .	<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 Directors Australia and RSL Queensland undertaking those searches required to verify that I satisfy the Eligibility Criteria, including a criminal record check, and will assist Directors Australia in this regard.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



(Applicant signature)

20 March 2025

(Date)



20 March 2025

Returned and Services League Queensland

ANZAC House
283 St Pauls Tce
FORTITUDE VALLEY, QLD 4006

Dear Board, District and Sub-branch members

The Returned and Services League (RSL) Queensland has a proud history of serving Queensland's veteran community over the past 109 years. It would be a privilege to join the Board to assist in setting the future direction of support for veterans in our state.

I am currently Commander of the Army's 8th Brigade; Chairman of the Board and part owner of Protegas Australia (a veteran owned Intelligence Professional Services company which employs 26 veterans – over 75% of the workforce); and Patron of Young Diggers (a not-for-profit organisation providing assistance dogs to veterans and first responders).

My military story started 30 years ago when I entered the Australian Defence Force Academy and then spent 12 months at the Royal Military College – Duntroon. As a Lieutenant, I was posted to 110 Signal Squadron, deployed on Operation GOLD (Sydney Olympics) and undertook language training at the Defence Force School of Languages, where I studied Indonesian and French. As a Captain, I was employed in the Headquarters 1st Division, deployed to East Timor as the lead intelligence officer of the Australian National Command Element, and was an analyst at the Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO). I also filled the roles of Staff Officer to Director DIO and Aide-de-Camp to Commander 2nd Division. In 2006, I deployed to Afghanistan and established the Australian presence in the Regional Command South Headquarters' Kandahar Intelligence Fusion Centre.

As a Major, I was posted the United States' (US) Pacific Command's Joint Intelligence Operations Centre where I led an Intelligence team focused on Southeast Asia. When I returned to Australia I attended the Australian Command and Staff College. I then moved my family to Southeast Queensland for a posting to the Defence Intelligence Training Centre where I commanded the Army Intelligence Training Wing. Upon promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, I deployed as a senior intelligence analyst in the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (IJC), Afghanistan. In 2015 and 2016, I commanded the Defence Force School of Intelligence, was the Deputy Head of the Australian Intelligence Corps and held seats on the National Intelligence Community Training Committee and the Defence Human Intelligence Committee. In 2017, I posted to the US Command and General Staff College as the Australian Army instructor and the Senior Australian Defence Force (ADF) representative in Kansas.

Upon return to Australia, I was promoted and served as the Commandant Land Warfare Centre (LWC) and the Senior Australian Defence Force (ADF) Officer at Kokoda Barracks. I led the ADF support to the Sarabah and Lower Beechmont bushfires in 2019, and Kokoda Barracks' response to COVID-19 whilst in that role. I subsequently transferred to the Army Reserve in 2021 and filled the role of Assistant Commander 11th Brigade, responsible for training and force modernisation. I was promoted to my current rank and appointed as Commander 8th Brigade in December 2022. In this role I hold a seat on the Army's Training Committee.

I have been a member of the Tamborine Mountain RSL sub-branch for at least the last two years and whilst I have not filled an appointment in the sub-branch, I have actively supported the sub branch with finding guest speakers for commemorative events and gaining clarity on contentious issues for members. I have also actively supported ANZAC Day ceremonies as either the Reviewing Officer or Guest Speaker at Tamborine Mountain, Canungra,

Beaudesert, Upper Coomera, Mudgeeraba, and Southport, regularly speaking at two or three ceremonies on ANZAC Day.

My interest in pursuing a role on the Board has emanated from a desire to continue to support veterans beyond service in the Army. I consider my leadership responsibilities for current and former service members does not stop when I take off my uniform. I have also discussed the potential to fill the Vice President position with Major General Stephen Day and Mr Nick Gould in order to understand the commitment required and to ascertain if they would be supportive and would recommend that I nominate for such a role.

As Vice President, I would aim to support the President in achieving his vision for RSL QLD, whilst bringing Part-Time and Full Time Defence experience and perspectives into the Board room. Further, I aim to assist shaping the strategy for veteran support over the next three to five years.

From a personal perspective, I am aiming to gain a better understanding of services available to support veterans that may assist me in my leadership roles in business, as Commander 8th Brigade and as Patron of Young Diggers. I would also value the opportunity to be part of a high calibre board responsible for making significant decisions for the veteran community in Queensland.

I look forward to potentially serving on the RSL QLD Board and serving the Queensland veteran community.

Yours sincerely,

Arran Hassell

Arran Hassell CSC

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PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Exceptional leadership with emotional intelligence.
- Exemplary work ethic; highly reliable, dedicated, loyal and motivated.
- Excellent organisational, and time management skills.
- Superior communication, interpersonal and liaison skills.
- Decisive, detail oriented with superior analytical and problem solving skills.
- Ability to work well in a team or independently with no supervision.
- Innovative, resourceful and hardworking with strong goal orientation.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Arts (Strategy & Policy)
- Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Management)
- Graduate Diploma (Defence Studies in Strategy Planning & Management)
- Advanced Diplomas (French & Indonesian)
- Diploma (Personnel Management)

AWARDS

- Conspicuous Service Cross
- Meritorious Service Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters
- Defence Intelligence Organisation Commendation
- Army Commendation
- Land Prize (Australian Command & Staff College)
- Major General CH Findlay Award (Royal Military College)

Arran Hassell CSC

Professional Profile

A highly skilled and experienced executive and leader. Known for a combination of transformational leadership, change management skills, decisive and considered decision making. A professional who leads from the front and exhibits emotional intelligence, integrity and foresight. Strong background in strategy and policy development, research and analysis, critical and creative thinking, governance, quality assurance and compliance, risk management, and stakeholder engagement gained from 30 years of Defence service and Industry experience. Strong organisational, communication and interpersonal skills, accentuated by an ability to exhibit confidentiality, discretion, tact, diplomacy and professionalism when dealing with internal, external, domestic and international stakeholders. Exceptional team player, highly reliable and capable of building positive teams and working relationships to increase productivity and achieve successful outcomes. A values-based professional known for his honesty, trustworthiness, judgement and reliability in dealing with all interlocutors. Committed to excellence.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Recognised in the 2017 National Queen's Birthday Honours List

Promotion to the rank of Brigadier

Commanded 8th Brigade, Land Warfare Centre, Defence Force School of Intelligence

Represented Australia in multiple military multi-national fora

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Proven high-performance, results driven executive. Significant experience and demonstrated achievement within organisational leadership, personnel management and strategy roles.
- Valued representative of the Australian brand who has represented the Australian government in over ten appointments, deployments and training roles in Australia and across the world.
- Proven ability to manage change, optimise organisational structures and achieve organisational objectives.
- Ability to critically evaluate information gathered from multiple sources; reconcile variances, make decisions and present complex data and decisions in a coherent manner tailored to audiences.
- Strong ability to identify and use effective communication strategies to approach key stakeholders at all levels to initiate, maintain and develop relationships, partnerships, and alliances.
- A highly effective and collegiate team member who has built relations between Defence and the private sector, Australian government agencies, and partner nation militaries.
- A strategic, independent, lateral, critical and creative thinker with highly refined research and analytic skills.

REFERENCES

Available upon request

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Chairman of the Board / Part-Owner / Director / Principal Consultant

Protegas Australia // 2021 – present

- Leads the strategic direction, risk management and assures the financial viability of Protegas.
- Has led the Protegas Intelligence training team responsible for the design, development and delivery of foundation, advanced and expert level courses for federal, state and local government clients.

Commander

Army's 8th Brigade // 2023 – Present

- Leads the delivery of training for Army Reserve soldiers and officers in all states and territories.
- Has led the development of a scaling plan to support the growth of the Army at a time of conflict.

Assistant Commander

Army's Headquarters 11th Brigade // 2021 – 2022

- Led the design, development and delivery of a series of joint Defence and Queensland Police Service exercises including activities conducted in Toowoomba.
- Facilitated the conduct of the Australian Army's Pre-Command Course which prepares Army's future commanders for leadership roles of Battalions and Brigades.

Commandant / Senior Australian Defence Force Officer

Army's Land Warfare Centre // 2019 – 2020

- Led the transformation, development, and delivery of vocational training for 2850 Army soldiers and officers each year in leadership, management, operations, training and planning.
- Served as the Senior Australian Defence Force Officer responsible for the daily management of base operations, infrastructure projects and emergency management at Kokoda Barracks.

Australian Exchange Instructor / National Representative

United States Army Command and General Staff College // 2017 – 2018

- Led the delivery of post graduate education in the areas of strategy, policy and planning for international and United States Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force senior managers.
- Organised a 100 years of military mateship service at the United States National World War I Museum and Monument and ANZAC Day ceremonies.

Commanding Officer / Deputy Head of Corps, Australian Intelligence Corps

Defence Force School of Intelligence // 2015 – 2016

- Led the development, modernisation and delivering of vocation intelligence training for 1100 Army, Navy, Air Force and Australian Public Service personnel per annum in the largest intelligence training school in Australia.
- Led Defence's contribution to the National Intelligence Community Training Committee and led the proposal of a standardised national intelligence training continuum.

Senior Intelligence Analyst / National Representative

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command - Afghanistan // July 2013 – Mar 2014

- Led, mentored and coached a multinational team of 25 junior and mid-level intelligence analysts responsible for daily intelligence reporting to the Commander of Military Operations in Afghanistan.
- Provided intelligence and trend analysis for specific events across Afghanistan.

Prior employment history available upon request