



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**DATE:** Sunday, 30 March 2025

**TIME:** 10.00hrs

**VENUE:** Sports Bar Gympie RSL, 217 Mary Street, Gympie QLD 4570

### WELCOME

Welcome by President, Adel Amin.  
Meeting opened at 0906hrs.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

- Wide Bay Burnett District President, Neville Tarry
- Jonathan Weller

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### VALES

- William "Bill" Moore
- Malcolm David Calcutt
- Rex Allison
- Andrew Wheatley
- Peter Patrick
- Norman Mackellar
- Christopher James Walker
- Glenise Buckley
- Graham Alfred Gerathy
- Maureen Joan Bengsten (Cronau)
- Edward Scott
- Kenneth Clements
- Anthony "Lofty" Olsen
- Raymon "Sambo" Nielsen
- Brian Ward
- Steve White
- Francis Taylor
- Meg Porter

### SILENT TRIBUTE / ODE

#### ROLL CALL – As per Attendance Register

- Members – 50
- League Voting Members – 46
- Non League Voting Members – 2
- Staff - 2
- Visitors – 7

#### APOLOGIES – 15

Linda Johnson	Len Treeby
Ken Chapman	Dion Channer
Rodney Strahan	John Herlihy
Terrance McMullan	Christine Carroll
Trevor Hall	Mark Colls
Gregory Alford	John Ford
Robert Bellis	Ross Brady
Ivan Fiske, OAM	

MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Incorporated accept the Apologies.

MOVED: Andre Maertens  
SECONDED: Brian Trickey  
**CARRIED**

**ADVICE MEETING IS BEING DIGITALLY RECORDED**

<p>The President advised the meeting is being digitally recorded to confirm the accuracy of the Minutes. The digital recording will be retained until the draft Minutes have been ratified at the next AGM, after which the recording will be destroyed/ deleted. No other recordings are permitted.</p>	
<p><b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil declared</li> </ul>	
<p><b>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES</b></p>	
<p>MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Incorporated accept the Minutes of the AGM 2024 as a true and correct record.</p>	<p>MOVED: David Collins SECONDED: Helene Milner <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <p>Nil</p>	
<p><b>PRESIDENT REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Amin advised that his report is contained within the Annual Report. No questions were asked.</li> </ul>	
<p>MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Inc. receive and accept the President's Report.</p>	<p>MOVED: Adel Amin SECONDED: David Collins <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>GROUP MANAGERS REPORT</b></p> <p>Mr Martin Muller GRM presented his Annual Report, as contained in the AGM pack and included the following additional information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcomed life members for attending and acknowledged their achievement in being awarded a life membership.</li> <li>- Expressed birthday wishes to the District President and Spike Humphries</li> <li>- It has been a challenging year with government mandated increases in wages and alcohol excise which has affected our revenue.</li> <li>- A significant achievement with the purchase of the neighbouring property.</li> <li>- Noted the works to the new VSC which is relocating to Monkland St, including flood mitigation measures. This represents a significant long term cost saving to the organisation.</li> <li>- Thanked the previous Executive Mr Longhurst and other board members for their time on the Board and the continuing Board.</li> <li>- Advised that the constitution put forward last year was approved on 5 March 2025, which includes provision for longer tenure board positions.</li> <li>- We can now be recognised as a donated goods recipient.</li> <li>- Acknowledged the great work of Mr Bowd for his advocacy work.</li> <li>- Very proud to be a part of this organisation. Which has great staff, over 90 staff, over 50 volunteers and a committed board. Doing great work in the community. Thankyou.</li> </ul>	
<p>MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Inc. receive and accept the GRM's Report.</p>	<p>MOVED: Brian Trickey SECONDED: Les Humphries <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</b></p> <p>Total membership of Gympie Sub-Branch as of 31 December 2024, which was also the end of the membership program for five years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 Life Members</li> <li>- 495 Life Subscribers</li> <li>- 176 League Members</li> <li>- 37 Social Voting, Non-League Members</li> <li>- 23,755 Social Members (22 587 – 1 year, 1 168 – 3 year)</li> </ul> <p>TOTAL 24,466</p>	
<p>MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Incorporated receive and accept the Membership Report.</p>	<p>MOVED: Garry Casey SECONDED: Graham Cross <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>TREASURERS REPORT</b></p>	

<p>On introduction of the treasurer, the President thanked Mr Gerard Irvine for his great work and dedication as a Director and Treasurer.</p> <p>The treasurer presented his report as detailed in the AGM reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Treasurer noted minor differences to the published report following the auditors changes.</li> <li>- Noted costs associated with major works and acquisitions and that we will see some reimbursements from grants / subsidies will come back in coming months.</li> <li>- No questions were presented.</li> </ul> <p><i>Compliance Declaration:</i>  <i>That the Returned &amp; Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub Branch Inc. Is solvent and there are reasonable grounds to believe that it will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and that the accounts, as presented, be accepted.</i></p>	
<p>MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Incorporated receive and accept the Treasurers Reports.</p>	<p>MOVED: Gerard Irvine          SECONDED: Alan Steptoe  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>AUDITORS REPORT</b>          Auditors reports as presented in the AGM reports. No additional information raised. The President questioned if any of the members had any questions. No questions were asked.</p>	
<p>MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Incorporated receive and accept the Auditors Report</p>	<p>MOVED: Paul Van Draanan          SECONDED: David Collins  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS REPORT</b>          Reports as presented in the AGM reports. No questions were asked.</p>	
<p>MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Incorporated receive and accept the Directors Reports.</p>	<p>MOVED: Brian Trickey          SECONDED: Ted Arsen  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>VETERANS CENTRE REPORT</b>          Report as presented in the AGM reports. No questions were asked</p>	
<p>MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Incorporated receive and accept the Veteran Services Report</p>	<p>MOVED: Maureen Costello          SECONDED: Brian Trickey  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair was vacated by current Gympie President Mr Adel Amin and Wide Bay &amp; Burnett District Deputy President, Mr. Neville Tarry to take the Chair for the election of office bearers.</li> <li>• The constitution advises that the board may consist of one third (i.e. three) Non-league members (aka voting social member). However, there were insufficient nominations from voting social members to fill the three positions. The board sought members advice on filling social positions with league members, rather than carry vacancies on the board, noting that all board directors have the same responsibilities to the organisation. Some discussion ensued and the motion was reviewed in detail for those in favour or against.</li> </ul>	
<p>MOTION: That the members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub Branch Inc approve league members to fill all board positions.</p>	<p>MOVED: Robyn Murtagh          SECONDED: Murray Heron  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board nominees introduced themselves prior to voting commencing.</li> <li>• The positions of president, Deputy President, Treasurer and Voting Social Director were unopposed.</li> <li>• After voting, the tenure of positions was determined through a 'hat draw'. Therefore, only the positions with 1 year tenure will be up for re-election in 2026, except if a director resigns their appointment.</li> <li>• The outcome of the election and the tenure of positions is detailed below.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>ELECTION OF LEAGUE OFFICE BEARERS</b>  President: Adel Amin 3 years  Deputy President: Lindsay Francis 1 year  Treasurer: Colin Boucher 2 years  Board Directors: Garry Casey AM 1 year  Robyn Murtagh 3 years  Murray Heron 2 years</p> <p><b>ELECTION OF NON-LEAGUE OFFICE BEARERS</b>  Board Director: Jan Collins 3 years  Adrian Kosch (league member) 2 years  Taylor Dray (league member) 1 year</p>	
<p>MOTION: <i>Ballots were ordered to be destroyed by scrutineers.</i></p>	<p>MOVED: Ted Arsen  SECONDED: Bob Bath  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>DEFERRAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR AND AUDITOR</b>  MOTION: Members of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-Branch Inc. Approve deferring the appointment of Solicitor / Auditor until a new board has been appointed.</p>	<p>MOVED: Brian Trickey  SECONDED: Robyn Murtagh  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP OFFICER</b>  MOTION: That the members of The Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub Branch Inc. appoint the Membership Officer – Amy O'Brien</p>	<p>MOVED: Tim Pendlebury  SECONDED: Adrian Kosch  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>DISTRICT AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES</b>  MOTION: That the members of The Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub Branch Inc. appoint the President as the District and State Representative for the Gympie Sub Branch Inc and in the event the delegate is unable to attend, then the Deputy President is appointed as delegate.</p>	<p>MOVED: Paul Van Draanan  SECONDED: Helene Milner  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF COMPENSATION AND WELLBEING ADVOCATES</b>  MOTION: That the members of The Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub Branch Inc. endorse the practicing advocates as listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Bowd – Compensation and Mentor (Level 3), Wellbeing Advocate (Level 2)</li> <li>• Chelle Dobson – Wellbeing Advocate (Level 1)</li> <li>• Jessica Deviney – Wellbeing Advocate (Level 2)</li> <li>• Alecia Colbourn – Compensation and Wellbeing Advocate (Level 1)</li> <li>• David Eastwood – Trainee Compensation (Level 1)</li> <li>• Ryan Cairns – Compensation Advocate (Level 1)</li> <li>• Lauren Belzer – Trainee Wellbeing Advocate (Level 1)</li> </ul>	<p>MOVED: Garry Casey  SECONDED: Tim Pendlebury  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>KILKIVAN CHAPTER</b>  MOTION: That the members of The Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub Branch Inc. resolve to continue to support of the Kilkivan Chapter.</p>	<p>MOVED: Les Humphries  SECONDED: Ted Arsen  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC LIABILITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Liability Insurance \$30M.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p><b>DUE DILIGENCE STATEMENT</b>  The Gympie Branch is satisfied that this meeting was conducted in accordance with the Constitution and that the positions formulated, and resolutions passed are consistent with the furtherance of the</p>	

objects of the League and otherwise satisfy its obligations to superintend and conduct the business of the Sub-Branch pursuant to its Constitution.	
<b>DATE OF THE NEXT AGM</b> The next Annual General Meeting will be held on <b>Sunday 29th March 2026.</b>	
<b>CLOSURE</b> President Adel Amin declared the AGM closed at 1040hrs.	
<b>Proof read and approved by the Chairman for Distribution:</b>  <b>Chairman: Adel Amin, President</b>	<b>Date:</b> <b>13 February 2026</b>
<b>Verified as a true and correct record:</b>  <b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Date:</b>