

**RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE OF
AUSTRALIA
(QUEENSLAND BRANCH)
GYMPIE SUB-BRANCH INC.**

107th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BOARD CANDIDATES

“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”

Lest We Forget



Garry Casey AM

I was born in Brisbane in 1948 and am married to Michelle Casey.

I am a Service Member & Life Subscriber to Gympie RSL Sub Branch Inc. I am a Vietnam Veteran - National Service from January 29, 1969, to September 29, 1971, serving in Vietnam from September 17, 1970, to August 26, 1971.

Served in 2 Cav Regt at Holsworthy and 3 Cav Regt at

Holsworthy and Vietnam. I also served in 2/14 QMI June 74 to 23 September 74 - post-Cyclone Tracy, and served in the NT Police from October 13, 1975 to March 6, 2009, retiring with the rank of Sergeant.

Other roles include:

- NT Judo Association as Treasurer and President Police & Citizens Youth Club.
- Vietnam Veterans Association - NT Branch - Joined in 1988 and served as Treasurer, Vice President and President until 2000. Later re-joined Veterans Australia NT Branch as Vice President and Treasurer until 2024.
- Committee Member, Palmerston RSL Sub-Branch.
- General Duties, CIB, Community Relations, Police College, Marine & Fisheries (Water Police), OIC Firearms Policy & Recording Unit.
- Served on the NT Police Association as an Executive member & Treasurer for 13 years.
- Volunteer with NT Emergency Service 1995-2004 as the Training Officer, 2009-2023 as Unit Officer + 6 months on Staff.
- Volunteer with NT Fire & Rescue - Howard Springs Volunteer Brigade - 12 years.
- Volunteer at V8 Supercars in Darwin - 15 years.
- Volunteer with the Variety Club and on Committee.
- Volunteer with Alzheimer's Australia (NT Branch).
- Chair of NT Basketball Tribunal.
- Volunteer with Gympie South Rural Fire Brigade.

Courses attended - too many to mention, but significant ones are:

- Various Peer Support Courses
- PTSD Workshop - VVCS
- Mental Health Workshops through NT Police
- Suicide Prevention Workshops through NT Police

Education Qualifications:

- Senior year - Downlands College, Toowoomba 1966
- Bachelor of Teaching (Adult), NTU 2015
- Cert IV, TAE 2015

Awards:

- Commissioners Commendation 1987 - Investigation re a drug plantation in the Katherine area, 5 arrested
- Commissioner's Unit Commendation 2005 (Marine & Fisheries Unit) - re: Finnis River search
- NT Volunteer Awards 2013 - Chief Minister's Medal for Emergency Service
- NT Seniors of Excellence Award 2017

Appointed as Member of the Order of Australia - Australia Day 2020 for significant service to the community through emergency response organisations.

Other notable roles: Northern Territory Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services. Peer Support Officer, since 2015. Volunteer, Howard Springs Fire Brigade, since 2010. Volunteer, Palmerston Volunteer Unit, 1995-2004. Volunteer Unit Officer, Palmerston Unit, Emergency Service, since 2009. Police Officer, 1975-2009. Veterans Australia Northern Territory, various roles. Member, Palmerston Sub-Branch, Returned and Service League of Australia, since 2012. Committee Member, Retired Police Association, since 2010. Volunteer, Hidden V8 Supercars, since 2005. Committee Member, Northern Territory 8 Ball, 2005-2008. Volunteer, Variety Club NT, 1993-1999.

Other recognition includes:

- Seniors Excellence Northern Territory Award, 2017.
- Commissioner's Commendation, Certificate of Appreciation, Northern Territory Emergency Service, 2016.

- 5 Year Meritorious Service Certificate, Northern Territory Fire and Rescue, 2015.
- Chief Minister's Medal for Emergency Services, 2013.
- National Police Service Medal, 2012.
- National Medal, 1989, 1st clasp, 1999, 2nd clasp, 2009.
- Commissioner's Commendation, Northern Territory Police, 1987.
- Inpex Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award - 2021

I moved to Gympie in March 2023. I Joined the RSL Sub Branch and the Vietnam Veterans Association Gympie Branch. I was elected to the position of President of the VVAA Gympie in March of 2024 and to the RSL's Board of Directors in September 2023.

My passion is assisting people, especially veterans. My current portfolios are Veterans and Community Engagement within the Gympie RSL Sub Branch. My family roots were from Gympie as my Great Grandfather was a Mounted Constable here and in the Wide Bay area in the 1890s onwards, the majority of his children were born here and my grandfather in Tiaro.

The Casey family have had a strong military service. A great majority of my great uncles served in either the Boer War and WWI, my father was a rat of Tobruk. I have come home and here to stay!

MEDALS:

AM, Australian Active Service Medal (Vietnam), Vietnam Medal, National Police Medal, National Medal w/ 3 bars, Australian Defence Medal, Anniversary of National Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

State awards (NT):

NT Police Service Medal w/30year clasp,
 Volunteer Emergency Service Medal,
 NT Fire & Rescue Service Medal
 NT Police, Fire & Emergency Services COVID-19 Service Medal

I am now also a member of the Gympie South Rural Fire Brigade and holder of a Blue Card. I am hoping to be re-elected in 2025 so that I can continue to serve the Gympie and veteran community.

KEY BOARD SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- Governance, Risk & Compliance Strategy, Policy and Planning Investigation and Root Cause Analysis
- Financial Management Change, Process and Business Development

BOARD EXPERIENCE

Commercial:

MICEBS Pty Ltd

Non-Executive Director / Company Secretary

October 2019 – February 2021

- Conducted shareholder review and rectified company and shareholder documentation
- Discovered, investigated and reported anomalies in financial management and reporting practices

Non-Profit/Advisory Board:

Curra Community Hall Association Inc

President / Treasurer

May 2024 – Present

- Led the process to rename the association and re-write association rules
- Leading the process to review financial and operating procedures
- Leading the process to recruit new board members and volunteers

International School of Phnom Penh

Deputy Chairman

1996-1997

QUALIFICATIONS

- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice
- Certificate in Personnel Management
- Certificate in Vocational Instruction
- Diploma in Field Engineering Management
- Diploma in Applied Khmer Language
- Associate Diploma in Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- ICAM Investigation Responsible Service of Alcohol

VOCATIONAL LICENCES

- Security Advisor (Queensland)
- Real Estate Agent (Queensland)

VOLUNTEERING

Curra Country Club

- Curra Community Hall

HONOURS and AWARDS

- Medal of the Order of Australia (Military Division)
- Conspicuous Service Medal



CRAIG COLEMAN OAM CSM

Board Member and Non-executive Director

Corporate C-Suite Executive

Risk, Crisis and Change Management Consultant

Real Estate Principal

PROFILE Highly accomplished director and executive with more than 40 years'

experience working on complex assignments in Australia and around the world. Wide-ranging and extensive leadership experience in the direction and management of community, commercial and government organisations and the effective development and implementation of multi-dimensional and challenging projects in the defence, mining, construction, crisis response, humanitarian and public sectors.

BACKGROUND Served for 25 years in the Royal Australian Engineers rising to the rank

of Warrant Officer Class 1 then Captain to Major. Postings included operational, representational, regimental, training, and administrative.

Since leaving the Army have established and operated businesses in Australia and overseas, and completed board, executive and senior management appointments. **EXECUTIVE CAREER HISTORY Current:**

Principal Consultant / Executive Director - Professional Service Solutions Pty Ltd T/A Axinto

- Overview:** Providing integrated risk management and project solutions for organisations operating in difficult environments around the world. Advice provided from the board room through executive leadership to line managers.

- Key Services:** Community and Stakeholder Engagement, Project Management and Support, and Risk Management and Security.

Principal / Licenced Agent - Craig Coleman Real Estate

- Overview:** Real estate agency focussing on Curra and the Gympie region and utilising a community relationships business model.
- Key Services:** Advice, appraisals, listings, sales and rentals.

Senior Crisis Response Consultant - S-RM London

Overview: S-RM is a global corporate intelligence, risk management, and cyber security firm that works with leading businesses, governments, and private clients.

Key Services: Cyber advisory, digital forensics, due diligence, crisis response, strategic intelligence.

Previous:

- Principal Project Adviser to the Government of the Republic of Nauru for the Regional Processing Centre Corporation. Chief Executive and Transition Director for Paladin Solutions Manus Island Garrison Support Services. Consultant Advisor for projects in Bougainville, Afghanistan, Solomon Islands, Cameroon, Burkina Faso and Eritrea.
- Management Consultant for business change, process management and technical writing.



Lindsay Francis

My family migrated from Northern NSW to Traveston in 1924.

I was born in Gympie and completed my education at the Gympie State High School. I then joined the banking sector where I gained 6 years experience in finance.

I was called up for National Service in 1968 and served in Vietnam in

1969 with the 3rd Cav Regiment. After discharge from the Army, I returned to the banking sector. In 1971 I bought my family's farm at Traveston where I grew pineapples and raised cattle. About 2000 I bought a large fruit outlet in Tewantin then retired in 2006.

I joined the RSL Sub Branch Gympie in the early 70's and served 4 years on the Board. Business and family commitments bought about my retirement from the board.

In 2016 I was elected to the Gympie Sub Branch Board as a Director then subsequently became Deputy President during that 10 year period, during that time I was elected to the Sub Committee which oversaw the amalgamation of the Sub Branch with the Club. This was a rewarding experience in Board duties. After the amalgamation, I was then elected to the Building Sub Committee which oversaw the renovations of the Sub Branch Facilities.

During this 10 year period, I have also served as chairman on numerous Sub Committees, i.e. grants, grievances/disciplinary action.

I find it most rewarding when I see the benefits that our Sub Branch Members and Social Members have received. It would be an honour to continue my service on the Board.

Nominee	Nominator	Secunder	Position
Garry Casey AM	Lindsay Francis	Jan Collins	Director
Craig Coleman OAM CSM	Edward Ayers	Adel Amin	Director
Lindsay Francis	Narelle Turnbul	Adel Amin	Deputy President