MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

DATE: 29 March 2026
TIME: Immediately following the Annual General Meeting
HELD AT: Gympie RSL Club, 217 Mary St, Gympie QLD 4570

OPEN

The Chairman, President Adel Amin, opened the meeting at 1100

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Completed in the preceding AGM.

ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

The following attendance was recorded:

Office Bearers - Adel Amin President, Lindsay Francis Deputy President, Gerard Irvine Treasurer, Robyn Murtagh Secretary, Directors – Garry Casey AM, Jan Collins, Adrian Kosh & Craig Coleman

Members – 77 (including office bearers)

Visitors/Guests - 4

6 apologies were received.

MOTION: That the apologies listed be accepted.	**Moved:**	Wayne Wheate
	Seconded:	Martin Poole
	Outcome:	CARRIED

DIGITAL RECORDING

The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded to confirm correctness of minutes. The digital recording will only be kept until the draft minutes of the meeting have been ratified at the next meeting. Once ratified the recording will be destroyed / deleted.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair asked that anyone in attendance declare any conflicts of interest, either now or as matters arise. The following COI were declared; Shane Murtagh, Rowena Amin & David Collins declared relationships with board members.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A copy of the December 2025 General Meeting Minutes were distributed and reviewed.

MOTION: That the minutes of the previous quarterly general meeting for 14th December 2025 be taken as a true and correct record.	**Moved:**	Mike Spiller
	Seconded:	Linda Johnson
	Outcome:	CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Several questions were raised regarding the Veterans Service Centre:

- Brian Trickey asked what will be done with the replacement of staff at the Veteran Services Centre. President advised the Board need to be provided with vacancy requirements from the VSM. Secretary confirmed that two requests from the VSM have been received, case manager and receptionist (filled)
- Tanya Easterby asked if VSM (Lauralie Knight) is still on leave. Secretary advised VSM is back at work, currently works in office 2 x days per week and from home 3 x days per week.
- Jennifer Mattingley advised that it is important to have an active manager on site at the Veteran Services Centre
- David Collins asked why the VSM is allowed to work from home. President advised that the matter is confidential and cannot be discussed, however the VSM's can be contacted on her RSL mobile phone or via email.

Chrissy Carol advised that the members need to be notified of the change to the DVA legislation. Why weren't the members notified. Ian Bowd advised that an information session is scheduled for the 20th May 2026 at the VSC.

Concerns were raised regarding communication to members. Gerard Irvine (Treasurer) advised that the communication concerns from members are put on notice. Gerard will have information brochures at the VSC for the members to collect. **(ACTION)**

CFO (Brad Wines) advised that signwriting quote for the Veteran Services Centre is $2,500.00.

MOTION: That the members of the Returned and Services League of Australia Queensland Branch, Gympie Sub Branch INC approve the expenditure of $2,500.00 to provide signwriting onto the Veteran Services Centre.	**Moved:** **Seconded:** **Outcome:**	Wayne Wheate David Collins CARRIED

REPORTS

President: It has been a busy time. Remo Vallance has completed the installation of the 4 pillars at Memorial Park, currently on track for ANZAC Day. President and Deputy President attended the District AGM and General Meeting on the weekend of 21st and 22nd March. District Deputy President, Graeme Davies was awarded Life Membership. Also attended the Clubs QLD awards night.

David Collins asked why the members were not notified of the District AGM and General Meeting details. President apologised to the members that they were not notified. Secretary is taking the matter on notice.

MOTION: That the members of the Returned and Services League of Australia Queensland Branch, Gympie Sub Branch INC receive and accept the Presidents report.	**Moved:** **Seconded:** **Outcome:**	Adel Amin Barry McDonald CARRIED

Treasurer (CFO Brad Wines reported on behalf of Treasurer) results have been promising and rewarding, however always room for improvement. Business will rationalise expenditure where possible.

Brian Trickey asked how much expenditure have we saved by moving from 44 Nash Street to 39 Monkland Street? CFO advised that the savings are represented in a long term plan and that in the first year, there are significant expenses to set up the facilities and it has cost approximately $200,000 to fit out the premise. Significant savings will be experienced over the period of the lease.

What was revenue generated from The Dolly and other leases: CFO advised more than $125,000.00

MOTION: That the members of the Returned and Services League of Australia Queensland Branch, Gympie Sub Branch INC receive and accept the Treasurer's report.	**Moved:** **Seconded:** **Outcome:**	Ken Chapman Andre Maertens CARRIED

Acting CEO (Brad Wines): Quote received from Rubicon Design and Construct to fill in the stairwell off the kitchen: $619,000. Quote not proceeding, will consider other options. Senior Management currently looking into the fire panel dashboard. Kiera Lynam is not currently able to work due to health, business has engaged services from Peninsula HR and work health and safety. Collaborated with QLD Rally to be a sponsor. Veteran Services Centre have hired in a new administration officer and will be looking into hanging artwork and working on the sound acoustics within the building. ANZAC Day well on track, currently looking for volunteers to assist.

Tanya Easterby: Why are we being a sponsor of QLD Rally event and why there is being alcohol sold. Acting CEO advised that the sponsorship decision was made by numerous people.

Ken Chapman: Requested for information on charities and sponsorship to be included in future reports.

MOTION: That the members of the Returned and Services League of Australia Queensland Branch, Gympie Sub Branch INC receive and accept the Acting CEO's report.	**Moved:** **Seconded:** **Outcome:**	G Alford Ken Chapman CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

- President advised that CEO (Martin Muller) resigned and his position will be re advertised in the very near future.
- David Collins raised concerns about, The Dolly, members were not notified about the leasing of the space until the lease was signed. Rhythm Bar is empty most of the time, would like to see it return to Southern Cross Lounge for a space to veterans to sit and relax. The QLD Rally sponsorship, how does it help veterans. The executive management team is an incorrect term as it does not exist.
- Secretary advised that communication needs to be improved, however, improvements have been made to email lists and a new web page to provide league members with access to important items, such as General Meeting minutes etc. It was acknowledged that communication should have been released to the members about the Dolly's business last year.

- Ken Chapman asked the Board to investigate whether Stipends are allowed under our constitution and in the relevant legislation. If so, what type or amount of Stipend would the Board require.

MOTION: That the members of the Returned and Services League of Australia Queensland Branch, Gympie Sub Branch INC investigate if a Stipend can be implemented and if so recommend a limit.	**Moved:** **Seconded:** **Outcome:**	Ken Chapman Brian Trickey CARRIED

- Secretary advised members that the training room does not have an official name and to install frosting on the front doors. Name suggested from the floor included, The Light Horse, Southern Cross, Link Trainer, Communication will be emailed to the members. **ACTION.**

DUE DILIGENCE

The Gympie RSL Sub Branch is satisfied that this meeting was conducted in accordance with the Constitution of the Sub Branch and that the positions formulated and resolutions passed are consistent with the furtherance of the objects of the League and otherwise satisfy its obligations to superintend and conduct business of the Sub Branch pursuant to its Constitution.

NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting will be held on 14 June 2026, with specific location and time to be advised.

CLOSURE

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance. There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 1322

Proofread and approved by the Chairman for distribution:

Chairman Adel Amin ______________________ Date: 06 May 2026

Verified as a true and correct record:

Chairman Adel Amin ______________________ Date:___________