SYMBOLISM OF THE RSL BADGE

The Crown
On top of the badge is the crown which has always been the symbol of royalty. It is also symbolic of our allegiance to royalty and of our loyalty to our monarch – our nation – and the RSL.

The Shield
The badge is in the shape of a shield which, from time immemorial, has always been used for protection. The shield, therefore, is symbolic of the protection which the RSL gives its members, widows, orphans and dependants of those who paid the supreme sacrifice and which the RSL accepts as its responsibility to protect.

The Figures
The four figures in the centre of the badge are symbolic of the youthful forces which have emblazoned Australia's nationhood across the world and of the comradeship which existed during our war service and which now continues among members of the League. The figures are marching shoulder to shoulder and are in step with each other, reflecting a combined determination and unity of purpose. In unity we have strength and therefore, the figures are symbolic of the solidarity and strength of the League.

The Circle
The centre of the badge is surrounded by a circle. A circle can be described as unbroken continuity and is symbolic of the League's unbroken continuity of purpose.

The Colours
There are three colours in the badge. The red represents the blood-tie of war that exists between comrades. The white stands for the purity of thought, motive and purpose to render service without thought of personal gain or ambition. The blue indicates a willingness to render that service to a comrade anywhere under the blue sky – wherever the comrade may be.

The Sprigs of Wattle
In the top left hand corner of the badge are sprigs of wattle which is the accepted national floral emblem of Australia. It, therefore, symbolises that the RSL is a national organisation and is national in its outlook.

The Rose, Leek, Thistle & Shamrock
The emblems of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland are located in the top right-hand corner. They are symbolic of, and represent, the link with these countries.
Indigenous Veterans' Ceremony at ANZAC Memorial, Sydney held during Reconciliation Week with ADF members of the Federation Guard participating.
RSL Scholarship cadets onboard RAN Sail Training Ship Endeavour returning to Woolloomooloo Bay, Sydney.
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Recruit School Graduation No 3 of 2012
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Photograph by Mark Lee
The Honourable Warren Snowden, Federal Minister Veterans' Affairs, attending RSL NSW State Council Meeting.
MISSION STATEMENT

"To provide for the well-being of Australian Defence Force members and dependants, past and present, and to promote community awareness of the objects of the League."

VISION

“To be recognized and respected as the preeminent association within the Defence Family in NSW.”

STRATEGIC GOALS

- To care for RSL Members
- Grow and retain Membership
- Engage serving and ex-serving members and the broader community on commemoration and remembrance ceremonies.
- Youth development and education
- Enhance RSL Image
- Strengthen stakeholder relationships
- Maximize financial potential through sound financial management
- Provide effective governance
Dick Payten from the Chester Hill sub-Branch contributing towards the ANZAC Day and Poppy Day TV commercials for the RSL NSW Community Service Announcements.
Activity Review
First Quarter

Events attended by members of RSL State Council and State Branch from ANZAC House.

January

- Australia Day Awards - RSL members and staff of ANZAC House receive awards from State President.
- Young Endeavour scholarship participants enjoy NSW south coast deployment for 10 days.
- Australia Day - All RSL Corps of Guards on duty assisting the general public of Sydney and foreign visitors at the ANZAC Memorial.
- Australia Day ceremony with Sydney Chinese community, Darling Harbour.
- Award of F.S. Maher Memorial Scholarship certificates at Concord Repatriation General Hospital.
- RAN three day Seapower Conference, Sydney.

February

- ANZAC House staff commence management training.
- RAN Band lunchtime recital St Andrews Cathedral, Sydney.
- Timor-Leste President, Ray Rala Xanana Gusamao, visits ANZAC Memorial on the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Timor. aided by RSL Corps of Guards.
- The Honourable Warren Snowden, Federal Minister Veterans’ Affairs, attends RSL NSW State Council Meeting.
- CEO’s RSL LifeCare and RSL NSW Annual Meeting.
- Funeral of ANZAC House staff member, Steven Baker.
- Late night tour of Sydney railway tunnels, former Sydney bomb shelters.

March

- RSL LifeCare awards, Penrith RSL Club.
- Making of the ANZAC and Poppy Day ‘Community Service’ TV commercials at ANZAC Memorial with veterans and ADF volunteers.
- ANZAC House staff member, Judy Smith, completes 25 years service with RSL NSW.
- RSL NSW sponsorship of the Historical Houses Trust exhibition Homefront.
25th April, George Street, Sydney
Project - 'Face of ANZAC Day'.

Photograph by Morgan Lee
April

- RSL & Schools remember ANZACS at ANZAC Memorial with Premier and Education Minister, Adrian Piccolli.
- Sydney Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, conducts tree planting at ANZAC Memorial.
- Navy, Army and Air Force members sell ANZAC Appeal badges in streets of Sydney.
- St Marys - ANZAC Eve Mass.
- ANZAC DAY - Dawn Service Martin Place, March down George Street, ceremony at ANZAC Memorial, Sunset Service in Martin Place.
- National Rugby League - ANZAC Cup.
- Turkish VIPs visit ANZAC Memorial.

May

- Australian Forces Overseas Fund (AFOF) packaging day at Randwick Barracks.
- CCWA Annual Conference at Dubbo.
- Coral Sea commemoration at US Embassy, Sydney.
- RSL NSW State Councillor, Tony Toussaint, named 2012 ‘ANZAC of the Year’.
- Boer War ceremony, ANZAC Memorial.
- RSL NSW State Congress, Rooty Hill, Sydney. Volunteer training, forum, AGM and formal dinner.
- District Council Presidents’ meeting, State Congress.
- Indigenous Veterans’ ceremony, ANZAC Memorial.

June

- Sinking of the HMAS Kuttabul; commemoration and ceremonies at Garden Island and ANZAC Memorial, Sydney.
- Opening of the new ‘Memorial Wall of Remembrance’ at Penrith RSL Club.
- RSL NSW State Council Dinner at Sydney Masonic Club.
- Launch of ‘ANZAC Centenary Ambassadors’ at Government House and ANZAC Memorial.
NSW Premier the Honourable Barry O’Farrell MP launches the RSL ANZAC Art Awards congratulating 2011 winner Gabrielle Picard from Narrabeen.
July

- RAAF Passing Out Parade No 3 at RAAF Wagga Wagga.
- URSF Veterans’ Meeting at ANZAC Memorial.
- RSL WBI hosts wives and mothers of fallen soldiers ‘Star Ceremony’ at ANZAC Memorial.
- Preview War Horse, stage production, Lyric Theatre.
- Fromelles Commemoration, ANZAC Memorial.
- Premier O’Farrell Launches RSL ANZAC Art Awards new competition.
- RSL Corps of Guards at El Alamein fountain re-launch.
- Indonesian Embassy in Sydney hosts veterans for launch of Morotai anniversary.

August

- Claudia Edwards - 1st ANZAC House staff Affiliate Member.
- Judging of ‘Naval Cadets of the Year’ Awards.
- CCWA training conference Hyde Park Inn.
- VP Day - Cabramatta, Sydney City and Concord Kokoda Trail.
- RSL & RSL WBI welcomes home HMAS Melbourne returning from six month overseas deployment.
- Sir Colin Hines Scholarships awarded.

September

- RSL WBI stalwart, Max Hardy, retires after 10 years at RSL HQ.
- RSL WBI hosts parents of fallen soldiers ‘Star Ceremony’ at ANZAC Memorial.
- Judging of ‘Cadets of the Year’ Awards.
- DVA hosts ‘Young Veterans’ conference, Sydney.
- Governor’s reception for RSL National Conference delegates.
- RSL National Conference Wreath Laying and Star Ceremony at ANZAC Memorial.
October 2012 - Poppyman arrives in NSW at the Sydney Opera House Forecourt.
October

- RSL Charity Cup AFL match at RAAF Wagga Wagga.
- Robyn Collins appointed General Manager of ‘DefenceCare’.
- District Council Presidents’ meeting, Hyde Park Forum.
- LOUD advertising presentation No 1. Potential re-brand and memberships of the future.
- Poppyman arrives in Sydney at Opera House.
- Inaugural RSL ANZAC Art Exhibition opens with Navy Band and Amber Lawrence entertaining War Veterans at Narrabeen RSL LifeCare Village.
- DefenceCare Fun Run at Cronulla Beach foreshore and headland.
- Passing Out Parade for second intake for RSL Corps of Guards.

November

- ANZAC House staff and management training; new computers and programmes.
- $2 Poppy Coin launched in Sydney and across the sub-Branch network.
- Australian Forces Overseas Fund (AFOF) packaging day at Randwick Barracks.
- Poppy Week - Martin Place, Sydney, Warwick Farm Races.
- RSL accommodates young veterans in rehabilitation on tour of Hellfire Pass, Thailand and Kranji cemetery Singapore.
- LOUD advertising presentation No 2 to State Council and National President on the potential of re-brand and memberships of the future.
- Appreciation Lunch No 1 for RSL NSW VIPs.

December

- Appreciation Lunch No 2 for RSL NSW VIPs.
- RSL Corps of Guards celebrate first anniversary.
- Five Dock sub-Branch presentation to State President’s Shield.
- ANZAC House staff training awards.
- RSL ANZAC Art Awards announce winning entries from NSW school community with over 400 entries in new format competition.
- South Lake Macquarie sub-Branch presentation to State President’s Shield.
Progress at State Congress, RSL NSW Members vote for a motion.
Sadly, the past year has brought about a further fall in the number of those wonderful World War II men and women who are still present and able to march with us.

When I was first elected to State Council the late Sir Colin Hines and Warren Osmond AM OBE were present and were a great inspiration to me. I was sorry to hear of Warren’s passing during 2012. I offer my sympathy to his family and to all those other families who lost loved ones during the year. Let us give thanks and never forget the contribution that they have made to the League. The great success of our wonderful organisation has been founded on the dedication and hard work done by our members. It is too easy to forget what we do, so let us reflect on the many things that we do, and do exceptionally well.

A major restructure took place this past year in the working of WBI. We have now established DefenceCare under the new management of Robyn Collins with a very strong team looking after the welfare and wellbeing of our Veterans, those who are still serving and their families. We must remain very mindful that this work will increase as younger servicemen and women are discharged from our Defence Force, many carrying the mental and physical scars of hazardous deployment overseas.

Under the very capable hands of the chairman, Rod White, LifeCare continues to expand its successful business in looking after the Veterans and the elderly in our community. We now have aged care homes in locations from the Queensland border in our north to the Riverina down south.

The Australian Forces Overseas Fund continues to pack and send parcels twice a year to men and women serving overseas. We dispatched more than 6,000 parcels in 2012 and the feedback we receive is that they are very much appreciated. A number of sub-Branches are sending care packages also.

The Day Club movement continues to expand with the welcome help and support of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA). The latest Day Club to open is at Lismore and a new one is about to start at Braidwood. This will bring the total number of Day Clubs in New South Wales to around 70. Once again the success has been due to our volunteers who have been so generous with their time and talents.

Another success story has been our involvement with the younger generation through our Youth Clubs. They now have 16,000 members, a contribution to the wider community which is largely unknown outside our ranks.

I haven’t yet touched on the wonderful work of our sub-Branches. We only have to stop and think of where ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and other commemorative events in local communities would be without the League. It is imperative that we continue to organise and administer these services and ceremonies so Australians everywhere can acknowledge and honour those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Also, where would we be without the wonderful help and support from the Central Council of Women’s Auxiliary? I am aware that the charity dollar is harder to get each year and the Women’s Auxiliaries continue to surprise us with the amount of money that they are able to raise. I offer our very special thanks to them.

I have had the pleasure of attending many sub-Branch and District Council events throughout the year and I thank them for their hospitality and friendship. I also extend special thanks to RSL staff and to our State Councillors for their contributions and for their dedication to ensuring that the League meets its obligations to the veteran community at large.
Launch of Poppyman, the ANZAC Art Exhibition with entertainment by leading Australian Country singer, Amber Lawrence and the Royal Australian Navy Band.
It is with pleasure that on behalf of the RSL State Council, I present a summary of the audited financial statements of the Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch) for the year ended 31st December 2012.

The complete Financial Statements are at the League’s website www.rslnsw.org.au also there, are the financial statements for the RSL Central Council of Women’s Auxiliaries, NSW RSL Youth Council, St Mary’s RSL Memorial Fund and ANZAC House. Presented in graphical form in this Annual Report, is the key financial performance data for RSL State Branch.

Within the State Branch Strategic Plan 2011-2016, Goal #7 states “Maximise financial potential through sound financial management” with a primary objective “To efficiently allocate resources for the benefit of members present and future and to mitigate risks”. To achieve an appropriate outcome for this Goal, RSL State Council especially through the Finance, Audit and Risk Management committee, has effectively implemented strategies to assist State Branch and District Councils to achieve benefits.

The overall result for the period was a deficit of $102,977 compared to a net surplus of $1,015,350 for the year ended 2011. This result highlights the need for RSL sub-Branches to consider financially supporting RSL State Branch to alleviate the need to draw on a surplus from the Hyde Park Inn.

There are several opportunities whereby sub-Branches can give this support through the various programmes and funds currently provided. Please consider this request when determining your annual donations.

A continuing focus occurs to ensure that State Branch operating costs are frequently monitored with regular reports presented to the State Council. With the increasing focus coming from new Government legislation and the establishment of additional statutory authorities to further monitor the Not-For Profit sector, RSL State Branch has been working closely with its advisors and the authorities to ensure complete compliance across all activities.

RSL sub-Branches similarly need to ensure that all elements of effective and sound governance are implemented in their operations and will withstand a full audit by all interested parties. Both the Financial and Property sections of State Branch have experienced staff readily accessible to assist sub-Branches with any issues.

In summary, on behalf of State Council I would like to thank the League’s Chief Financial Officer Miss Annette Mulliner OAM, her staff and our Advisors, for the professional manner in which they carry out their duties for the betterment of the members. Similarly, I extend my appreciation to the many elected officers within the League who diligently manage the significant assets of our sub-Branches.
RSL Corps of Guards paraded at ANZAC Memorial on many occasions during 2012. Ranks have swelled with the recruitment of new volunteers.
The year 2012 will go down in the annals of history as a momentous year for The Returned and Services League of Australia (NSW Branch). Affiliate membership was passed at the Annual State Congress, the ACNC came into being and RSL NSW signed a deed with the Australian Tax Office assuring our compliance and status as a Tax Exempt entity. Our focus for the upcoming years is to refine our compliance & audit procedures.

Some far reaching decisions were made at Congress in 2012. The introduction of Affiliates into the League in New South Wales is probably the most important decision made by Congress in many years. Another big decision was to move Congress to Coffs Harbour in 2013, 2014 & 2015. I look forward to catching up with members of the League in Coffs.

The League in NSW and its sister entities continue to lead the way in engaging with the modern or contemporary veteran and members of the ADF. Concerted efforts are being made to engage ADF members through a number of projects.

- The League sponsors the Most Improved Recruit each flight at 1RTU at RAAF Wagga Wagga.
- The League has been invited to provide the substantial and impressive presentation dagger and frame to all new successful Commandos. These are handed to the Commandos at their beret parade each year.
- Our welfare arm, RSL WBI participated in Exercise Hellfire 12 which saw a group of wounded soldiers given some relaxation time in some very meaningful Australian Military history locations of Hellfire Pass and Kranji.
- The League and DefenceCare both sponsored the RSL AFL Charity Cup at RAAF Base Wagga Wagga. The match held between RAAFCOL and the Ground Training Wing is a significant event in the Wagga calendar and we are proud to have been able to help.
- During the year the League & DefenceCare were able to provide tea, coffee & light refreshments to the families of HMAS Melbourne on her return from six months in the Middle East.
- We have been invited to support the friends and families of HMAS Ships at the farewell and welcome of all future NSW based ships to the Area of Operations.
- Our team on the Younger Veterans Forum is maintaining their focus on issues affecting serving and ex-serving ADF members. This group has presented at Congress and has a regular article in Reveille.
- RSL AFOF has been productive with its support of our troops serving overseas with comfort parcels and recreation equipment across the globe.

The RSL Corps of Guards has been busy with services -

- At the ANZAC Memorial, the El Alamein Fountain and they were invited to assist at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway on a number of occasions.
- Highlights were participating in the RSL National Congress Wreath Laying & Star of Memory Service and meeting Xanana Gusamoa, former President of Timor-Leste and LT GEN Raif Akbas of the Turkish Army and is the officer responsible for the Gallipoli Peninsular region.

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO was made an Honorary Member for Life for her tireless work for veterans and members of the ADF. It was a proud moment for the League when Her Excellency accepted membership of our organization at Congress.

It was my melancholy duty to attend the funeral of the longest serving State Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the League, Mr Warren Osmond AM, OBE during the year. He was a great man who will be missed by his family and mates. Lest We Forget.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all RSL members the very best for 2013 and look forward to another interesting and event packed year.
Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO, Governor of NSW with the local Cabramatta schoolgirls VP Day ceremony.
2012 saw the beginnings of two momentous changes for State Branch and its sub-Branches with the signing of the Deed of Agreement with the Australian Taxation Office in October and the establishment of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC).

The Deed with the ATO placed a number of obligations on State Branch and its sub-Branches to ensure that the Commissioner of Taxation continues to endorse State Branch and all sub-Branches as charitable institutions for taxation purposes. The primary obligation is that all sub-Branches comply with the RSL NSW Constitution and most importantly the aims and objects.

As part of the process of putting in place the Deed PricewaterhouseCoopers conducted a review of the activities of a number of sub-Branches both metropolitan and country. This involved reviewing the sub-Branch’s financial statements and visiting the sub-Branch. John Boyle and I accompanied the PricewaterhouseCoopers staff on a number of visits. It soon became apparent that there is a greater need for sub-Branches to document all the work that their volunteers are performing in meeting the aims and objects of the League.

State Branch, and in particular, the Business Services Staff, will be working with sub-Branches to ensure that all sub-Branches meet and comply with the obligations in the Deed. Staff will be in 2013 visiting sub-Branches to assist them in meeting their obligations. At the May 2013 Administration Seminar there will be a presentation on the Deed of Agreement and the obligations of sub-Branches.

The introduction of the ACNC will place additional administrative requirements on sub-Branches. State Branch will provide guidance to sub-Branches to meet these requirements and where possible provide information to the ACNC on behalf of all sub-Branches.

In 2012 it was again my pleasure to assist a number of sub-Branches by providing auditing services. In doing so it provides me with an insight into the many varied activities of our volunteers, the support that is provided to members and the continued commitment of sub-Branches to commemorative services.
The following members, together with those listed in the relevant sections of the Annual Report, have served on Branch Committees during 2012:

**Annual State Congress Agenda Committee**
Messrs J.E. Haines AM (Chair)
J.W. Cannings OAM
D.A. Jones
C.P. Perrin
I.M. Henderson
Pr R.A.C. Durbin
Mrs E.A. Garland OAM
Mr J.M. O’Brien (Secretary)

**ANZAC Day March Executive Committee**
Messrs J.E. Haines AM (Chair)
D.J. McManus-Smith (Deputy Chair)
CDRE I.A. Callaway RAN (Retd) (Chief Marshal) ♦
Messrs B.T Boughton. CSC OAM (Chief Marshall) *
M.D. Little OAM (Deputy Chief Marshal)
J.G. Balfour
C.P. Perrin
J.A. Boyle (Chief Band Marshal)
J.G. McDonald OAM
K. Connelly (Deputy Chief Marshal)
R.H. Brown OAM
J. Pooley
J.M. O’Brien
INSP P. Sullivan
Mr G.G. Batty (Secretary)

**Awards and Scholarships**
Messrs D.E.J. Rowe OAM
J.E. Haines AM
Pr R.A.C. Durbin
Messrs I.M. Henderson
A. Lauer APM (ANZAC of the Year)
W.H. Harrigan (Cadet of the Year)
Mrs E.E. Henderson RFD (FS Maher)
Mrs P. Thompson OAM (Sir Colin Hines)
Miss C. Taylor (Sir Colin Hines & Sir William Yeo)
Mr A.N. Croft (Secretary)

**Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee**
Messrs R.D. White AM RFD (Chair)
D.E.J. Rowe OAM
W.J. Humphreys OAM
C.P. Perrin
Miss A.G. Mulliner OAM

**Grants Research Officer**
Mr R.J. Metcalfe

**Life Membership and Certificate of Merit Committee**
Messrs W.T Harrigan (Chair)
A.A. Toussaint
Pr R.A.C. Durbin
Mr A.N. Croft (Secretary)

**Reveille and Editorial Committee**
Messrs D.E.J. Rowe OAM (Chair)
J. Gatfiled
W.J. Humphreys OAM
P.J. Stephenson OAM
G. Barry
C.P. Perrin
Ms C.E. Edwards (Secretary)

**RSL Day Clubs Committee**
Messrs R.J. Metcalfe (Chair)
P.J. Stephenson OAM (Deputy Chair)
G.T. Barnsley (State Coordinator)
D. Tait OAM * (Metropolitan Area Coordinator)
B. Reeves ♦ (Metropolitan Area Coordinator)
W. Gibbs (Metropolitan Area Coordinator)
Mrs M. Johnston OAM (Southern Area Coordinator)
Mrs B. May OAM (Southern Area Coordinator)
Mrs N. Burns (Northern Area Coordinator)
Mrs M. Kernick (Northern Area Coordinator)
Mrs E. Greig OAM (DVA)
Ms N. Blundell (DVA)
Ms K. Hodgkinson (DVA)
Ms M. Morgan (DVA)
Mr R.E. Baker (Secretary)

**RSL Meritorious Service Medal Committee**
AIRCDRE P.M. Grigg AM (Retd)
BRIG P.J. McNamara CSC ESM (Retd)
CDRE N.F. Helyer MBE RANR
Mr A.N. Croft (Secretary)

**RSL ANZAC Art Council**
Messrs D.E.J. Rowe OAM (Chair)
P. Medway AM
G.G. Batty
M.S. Lee (Secretary)
Ms C.E. Edwards
The League
Honorary Advisors

Solicitors
Mr. J. Cannings OAM
PricewaterhouseCoopers Legal

Mr. M. Bowen
Bowen Legal

Auditor
Mr. J. Winter
Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd

Insurance
Mr. M. Burges
Scott and Broad Pty Ltd

State Branch Tribunal
Messrs K. Connelly (President)
B. Turner RFD (Registrar)
J.R. Brien (Deputy Chair)
L.A.J. Malone ♦
G.R. Greenlees ♦
T. Baena *
I.L. Bubb *
C. Lewis *
Dr K.R. Smith OAM ♦
Mrs E.E. Henderson RFD
Mr P. Bryant

State Veterans' Affairs Committee
Messrs J.E. Haines AM (Chair)
I.M. Henderson
D.J. McManus-Smith
J.M. Hodges
Dr R.G. Bain
Ms R. Collins
Mr A.N. Croft

Support and Assistance Fund
Messrs J.E. Haines AM (Chair)
D.E.J. Rowe OAM
W.T. Harrigan
Pr R.A.C. Durbin
Mr D.J. McManus-Smith
Ms C.N. Jenkins (Secretary)

Youth Council
Pr R.A.C. Durbin (Chair)
Mrs E.A. Garland OAM (Deputy Chair)
Messrs P. Laraghy (Novice Gymnastics)
R. Bull (Trampolining)
B. Dobbie (Judo/Martial Arts)
Mrs M. Worrington
Mrs E. Kitching OAM (Reciprocal Tour)
Mrs L. Blake (Theatrical Dance)
Mrs I. Staszak (Swimming Council)
Mrs M. Wakefield (Ballroom Dancing)
Mr R.E. Baker (Secretary)

Buying up the ‘Poppy Coins’ - Hon. Sec. Roy Steer from Belmore sub-Branch at the RSL shop with Ross Baker on counter duty.

The ‘LOUD’ advertising team led by CEO, Lorraine Jokovic, assists Councillor Peter Stephenson to present the 2013 membership and re-brand project on several occasions to varied internal and external RSL stakeholder groups.

Note
♦ Retired from the committee in 2012
* Appointed to the committee in 2012
The following members, together with those listed in the relevant sections of the Annual Report, represented the League on external organisations during 2012.

**ANZAC Day Dawn Service Trust**
Messrs J.E. Haines AM
   C.P. Perrin

**ANZAC House Trust Board of Management**
Messrs D.E.J. Rowe OAM
   J.E. Haines AM
   R.C. Crosthwaite OAM
   C.P. Perrin
   R.D. White AM RFD
Miss A.G. Mulliner OAM

**Central Council of Women's Auxiliaries Liaison**
Mr W.T. Harrigan
Mrs E.A. Garland OAM
Mr R.C. Crosthwaite OAM (alternate)

**Defence Reserves Support Council**
Mr J.E. Haines AM
Dr R.G Bain
Mr W.J. Humphreys OAM

**Dormant Funds Committee**
Mr D.E.J. Rowe OAM

**National Boer War Memorial Committee**
Dr R.G Bain

**National Membership and Marketing Committee**
Mr C.P. Perrin (National Appointment)

**National Veterans’ Affairs Committee**
Messrs J.E. Haines AM
   D.J. McManus-Smith (co-delegate)

**Remembrance Driveway Committee**
Messrs W.T. Harrigan
   I.M. Henderson

**RPA Hospital Consumer Participation Working Committee**
Mr J.W. Park
Mrs E.E. Henderson RFD

**National Aged Care Forum**
Dr R.G Bain
Mr R.D. White AM RFD (alternate)
Ms L. Summerhayes
Miss A.G Mulliner OAM (alternate)

**RSL Australian Forces Overseas Fund**
Mr D.E.J. Rowe OAM (State Commissioner)
Miss A.G. Mulliner OAM (Honorary Treasurer)
Messrs J.A. Boyle (Honorary Secretary)
   C.P. Perrin
   R.C. Crosthwaite OAM
   W.T. Harrigan
   D.J. McManus-Smith

**RSL LifeCare**
Messrs R.D. White AM RFD (Chair)
   D.E.J. Rowe OAM
   R.C. Crosthwaite OAM
   W.J. Humphreys OAM
Miss A.G. Mulliner OAM

**RSL & Services Club Forum**
Messrs D.E.J. Rowe OAM
   W.T. Harrigan

**Clubs NSW Conference**
Messrs D.E.J. Rowe OAM
   W.T. Harrigan

**St Marys Memorial Trust**
Pr R.A.C. Durbin (Chair)
Mr I.M. Henderson (Deputy Chair)
Miss A.G. Mulliner OAM (Treasurer)

**United Returned Soldiers Fund**
Mr D.E.J. Rowe OAM
Miss A.G. Mulliner OAM (Honorary Treasurer)
Messrs C.P. Perrin
   I.M. Henderson
   M.J. Harker (Secretary)

**DVA NSW State Consultative Forum**
Mr J.E. Haines AM

**Ingleburn Military Precinct**
Mr J.E. Haines AM

**Operation Life**
Mr I.M. Henderson

**Young Veterans Forum**
Mr D.J. McManus-Smith

**Defence Liaison Officer**
Mr D.J. McManus-Smith
The latest addition to Martin Place during the ANZAC and Poppy Appeals, the large RSL merchandise tent. Also used by the statewide RSL recruiting team and the RSL Corps of Guards.

NRL Roosters, Anthony Minichiello and Sam Perrett, in the new club camouflage jerseys with the RSL shoulder badge worn for the ANZAC Cup game against St George Illawarra.

Teachers sub-Branch screened silent movies of life on the battlefield during WW1 with a backing of adapted music as part of their Remembrance Day Service at the Dept of Education.

Vice President John Haines and President Don Rowe present a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr Henry Tsang in Chinatown, Sydney.
RSL NSW & DefenceCare on duty. Welcome home to ship’s company of HMAS Melbourne after six month deployment.
RSL LifeCare Board members, Graham Kell, Rod White and Don Rowe look on at the Amber Lawrence and Navy Band performance at the War Vets Village, Narrabeen.

Ready for inspection - RSL Guardian Georgia Devoy talks with Reviewing Officer, Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie, at this year’s passing out ceremony.

Serving Commandos laying a wreath at the Commando memorial at the Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore during Operation Hellfire 12.

Young veterans at the table - DVA Young Veterans’ Forum with Des Green and Shaun McGill come face to face with senior executives of DVA and the RSL.
Hand of friendship. Renowned Australian war artist Tony Rafty is introduced to the NSW Governor by RSL NSW State Vice President, John Haines.
Australia’s leading female Country singer, Amber Lawrence performs at the opening of the ANZAC Art exhibition with the aid of the Royal Australian Navy Band.

Indonesian Embassy Sydney welcomes WW 11 veterans for the Morotai Festival launch.

ANZAC Memorial supervisor, Greg Read, welcomes interstate visitor, Senator Barnaby Joyce to the Memorial.

United Returned Soldiers Funds Trustees, Stan Poulsen, Malcolm Ferguson and Bill Stewart, going over the books at one of their many URSF meetings.
The League  RSL NSW State Councillors

Back row L-R: Ann Garland OAM, Tony Toussaint, Bob Metcalfe, Darren McManus-Smith, Bill Harrigan, Peter Stephenson OAM, Bill Humphreys OAM.

Front Row L-R: Bob Durbin, Rod White AM, RFD, John Haines AM, Don Rowe OAM, Rod Bain, Bob Crosthwaite OAM, Ian Henderson.
# State Councillor Duties

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AUSTRALIAN FORCES OVERSEAS FUND

In 2012 RSL AFOF provided parcels to serving members of the Australian Defence Force and Australian Federal Police posted overseas.

The majority of these personnel serve in peacemaking missions on a six month rotation basis and, to ensure that each receives the benefit of a package during their period of service, the packages are made available for delivery twice yearly. These packages are loosely referred to as the mid-year and Christmas packages.

In 2012, RSL AFOF (NSW Division) commitment to supporting of serving ADF members overseas continued:

- **HMA Naval Ships on deployment with Operation Slipper were provided with Satellite TV services.**
- **Afghanistan - RSL AFOF (NSW Division) provided recreation equipment to those serving at Tarin Kot and areas in-country.**
- **The Middle East - provided Fitness Equipment to the RAAF personnel serving in Al Minhad (AMAB – the RAAF Base in Dubai).**

This ongoing support has led to a special relationship being formed between the ADF and RSL AFOF (NSW Division). RSL AFOF (NSW Division) is committed to the ongoing support of our ADF personnel in whatever ways that we can be of service.

2012 continued the tradition where we saw volunteers from RSL State Branch, RSL sub-Branches and civilians from the Defence Department and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs joining with serving members of the Deployed Forces Support Unit (39th Battalion) at Randwick Barracks in NSW to pack over 3,500 parcels - both May and November, for shipment overseas under the direction of Mr Derek Robson, the RSL AFOF Executive Commissioner.

These RSL AFOF parcels were sent to Afghanistan, Timor-Leste, Middle East, Sinai, Solomon Islands and Sudan. Australia has large numbers of personnel serving in these overseas missions. The packages contained various items to remind personnel of home, and included ANZAC biscuits, glucose confectionery, salted peanuts, muesli bars, lollies, a letter of appreciation on behalf of all Australians and Membership contact details.

It should be noted that it is essential for the Fund to keep sufficient finances on hand so that if there is a sudden requirement, RSL AFOF can act immediately in support of our forces.

We are most grateful for the significant $12,500 donation received from the United Returned Soldiers Fund through the sale of the tokens on ANZAC Day.

We would like to acknowledge the fine effort and support provided by Mr John Cannings our Honorary Solicitor for his counsel, Miss Annette Mulliner, Honorary Treasurer, Mr Barry Lloyd, Chartered Accountant, Honorary Auditor, Mr Don Rowe, State President of The Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch) and State Commissioner of RSL Australian Forces Overseas Fund (NSW Division).
Malabar sub-Branch members, RSL National, DVA, ANZAC House and NAB Bondi Junction staff assist with the AFOF packages at Randwick Barracks.

Photography by Claudia Edwards
2012 marked the 97th anniversary of the commemoration of ANZAC Day and the annual March through the streets of Sydney’s CBD was conducted under a coolish, clear and sunny sky with gusting winds. Large crowds lined the city streets to show their appreciation to the 17,926 March participants and many thousands more enjoyed the coverage of the March by way of the excellent live ABC television coverage.

The Sydney ANZAC Day March continues to be the largest commemorative event for the city.

Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, Administrator of the Commonwealth of Australia, was March Leader and Rear Admiral Tim Barrett AM, CSC, Commander Australian Fleet, was the March Commander.

A highlight of the day was a flyover by Royal Australian Air Force Hawk Fighter trainers and aircraft from the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society.

The Sydney ANZAC Day March is supported by many organisations such as the taxi companies and drivers that convey the elderly and immobile veterans, the Army drivers and vehicles that transport the old diggers who cannot walk the distance anymore, the St Johns Ambulance medics who provide first aid, the NSW Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigades, the State Emergency Service and that novel method of transporting our old diggers, the pedapod. All provide invaluable assistance along with many others. Special appreciation must go to all the volunteer marshals, without whose tireless and often thankless endeavours the March would not be as successful as it is.

A last debt of gratitude is owed to the more than 60 service and community bands that not only volunteer their time and effort to the spectacle of the March but also allow the veterans to keep in step over the March Route – many performing their task on more than one circuit.
Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO, Governor of NSW leads the ANZAC Day March.

Photography by Morgan Lee
Both Appeals for 2012 have come and gone, so again I report to you on the state of both appeals. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your efforts in raising funds so DefenceCare can continue its great work in aiding all our ex-serving and current serving members of the Australian Defence Force.

Support by the Defence Force for our CBD selling was down due to other Defence commitments so we relied more on the sub-Branches raising extra but again volunteer numbers were down.

Overall for 2012 we were able to collect the following from each appeal:

**ANZAC Day** $792,000  
**Poppy Day** $513,000

We are looking towards a better 2013 and hopefully are able to have additional ADF people to assist us in our fundraising efforts. We are hoping for a much better result. I ask that, if possible, all sub-Branches endeavour to attract more volunteers especially through the Women’s Auxiliary.

I know that there is a current recruitment drive on in the Women’s Auxiliary so hopefully additional volunteers will be gained to assist in getting the public to donate to our worthy cause.

On another note, regarding the return of stock from sub-Branches, I know that some of you, after appeals, take a break but I ask that you take the day after the appeal to count your stock and cash and get them to us so we can reconcile the stock, apply credits and if necessary raise another invoice for the outstanding amount owing to us.

I am looking for new token designs so if any sub-Branch has any ideas of what we could do to generate new stock please pass your sketches onto me and I will look at them to ascertain if they can be made. I know many sub-Branches continually tell me that our current tokens are old so here is your opportunity to help me change the look of our current stock. So get your budding artist to work and design some new tokens which should be no larger than 25 – 30mm. Also have a go at designing a backing card as well.

On the volunteer front beside the Women’s Auxiliary, I believe that sub-Branches need to solicit from their younger brigade support to sell as a volunteer. Maybe ask your members if their children, grandchildren etc (of a suitable age) would like to volunteer also do not forget to ask your new Affiliate Members if you have any to see if they could spare some time to sell.

I am probably preaching to the converted but look at gaining permission from the council to set up a table at a busy area in your town to seek sales from the passing crowd, bigger sub-Branches seeking to sell in local shopping centres, get some of the older Year 11 and 12 students from local high schools to volunteer, seek support from surrounding towns, etc.

We seem to be continually left behind in the fundraising, as the other states manage to generate vast amounts of funds through their sub-Branch volunteers.

Also to let you know that the Poppies sold at Westpac Branches are run through RSL National out of the RSL QLD Branch so it is out of our hands. The money raised by Westpac in NSW which is not a great deal stays here. RSL QLD deposit the money into WBI on completion of return.
Leading Seaman Ness Schenrock from HMAS Watson with Corporal Daniel Keighran VC at the November Remembrance Day ceremony Sydney.
RSL NSW YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council is the authorised body elected by RSL State Council to administer and control the RSL Youth Movement throughout NSW. The aims and objectives are:

a. to assist, guide and advise RSL Youth Clubs

b. to establish new clubs and to constantly re-appraise the Youth Movement by introducing new sporting and cultural activities

c. to afford our youth the opportunity of clean and healthy outlets, to enable them to develop principles of good citizenship, the observance of law and the development of sportsmanship in both social and competitive sport.

There are currently 42 Youth Clubs in NSW and the activities provided are a diverse range including Swimming, Ballroom Dancing, Gymnastics, Soccer, Netball and many others. Reciprocal visits are organized each year with the RSA of New Zealand Youth Movement.

COL FUJ TINKLER SHIELD

This competition is conducted annually by the RSL Youth Council to reward the leading RSL Youth Club in the state and is considered to be the most prestigious award of the year by Youth Council.

The following clubs received awards for 2012:

1st Miranda
2nd Rooty Hill
3rd Canley Heights

The NSW RSL Youth Council extends sincere thanks to all persons involved in RSL Youth Club activities at all levels and congratulates all members on their participation and achievements.
RSL youth on display. RAAF Wagga Wagga RSL Charity AFL Challenge match.
Thank you to all the RSL Women’s Auxiliaries, Executives and members on their fund raising in 2012. It is a very commendable donation through Women’s Auxiliary. To DefenceCare $176,356, The State President’s Christmas Appeal $2,250, RSL LifeCare $84,535 and $25,160 to CCWA for administration purposes, $288,302 in total.

There is also money donated to the RSL sub-Branch communities for welfare purposes. These achievements make it imperative that the RSL is eternally grateful and appreciative of the support from such dedicated, unselfish and hard working body of women who are competing against so many other charities and should take note of the fact that this money is raised in the name of and on behalf of the RSL veterans and their families.

We have enrolled 207 new members during the past year. We now have a total of 3,606 members, 206 more than 2011. This includes 295 Life Members.

Some sub-Branches have closed down or become a chapter of another sub-Branch which causes the Auxiliary to make a decision as to carry on or close. Two Auxiliaries hold their meetings in one of the member’s homes as they are not allowed to meet or raise funds in the club. This is why in Reveille I am asking sub-Branches to open Auxiliaries. We had six Auxiliaries close during the year because they could not get executives or new members.

Unfortunately our unrelenting enemy ‘time’ continues to catch up with us and has called home 17 Life Members and 18 Auxiliary Members. These have been many of our most zealous and long time voluntary workers.

Our 64th Congress, held at Dubbo, was opened by Jennifer Collins, Deputy Commissioner of DVA. It was the first time in 64 years that the CCWA Congress had been held outside the Metropolitan Area. The 2013 Congress will be held at Burwood RSL Club. In October, the Metropolitan Conference was held at the Burwood Club and again Miss Annette Mulliner OAM and Mr John Boyle were the guest speakers.

Many Auxiliaries are to be congratulated on celebrating their 60th, 65th, 70th, 75th and 80th years of service which is a marvellous achievement and a big thank you to them for all their efforts. Many of these are in small country towns.

My thanks goes to the Deputy State President, Mrs Clara Elliott, State Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs Robin McKinnon, Far North Coast Councillor, Mrs Mavis Goodlad, Riverina & Southern Country Councillor, Mrs Marlene Preston, Western & Southern Metropolitan Councillor, Mrs Pauline James, South Coast & Tablelands Country Councillor, Mrs Pat Mortlock OAM, and Northern Metropolitan Councillor, Mrs Leigh Bates for representing me at Luncheons and Conferences during the year. Congratulations to those Auxiliary Women who have received an Australian Award, RSL Merit Award or Life Membership during the year.

In closing, thanks and deep appreciation to our workers who come in to help in the CCWA Office, to the Executive, Councillors and Auxiliary Members for their support, State Branch, State President, Mr Don Rowe OAM, and Executive Members and Staff of ANZAC House who have greatly assisted CCWA.
Wreath-laying Opening Ceremony - 65th Annual State Congress for Central Council of RSL Women’s Auxiliaries held at the Dubbo Memorial Club.
RSL DAY CLUBS

Another very successful year in terms of the consolidation of the RSL Day Clubs throughout NSW. The training of new volunteers led to the official opening of Casino’s ‘Platypus Club’ in August and Braidwood’s ‘Two Creeks Club’ early in the new year. Unfortunately the closure of the Legacy-operated Jacaranda Day Club after 20 years was a lowlight. Currently 68 RSL Day Clubs actively operate throughout NSW.

2012 marked the 35th anniversary of the commencement of the RSL Day Club movement in NSW. Premier of NSW, Hon. Barry O’Farrell MP officially opened the Annual Coordinators’ Conference with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Mr Ian Campbell.

The Training Workshops held throughout the two day conference provided volunteers the opportunity to network, share their experiences and to enhance their skills.

There are six Area Coordinators appointed to assist the State Coordinator, Mr Tom Barnsley. 2012 saw one new Area Coordinator, Mr Don Tait (Coordinator – Castle RSL Day Club) who accepted the position upon the retirement of Mr Brian Reeves from the committee. Don Tait was welcomed to the committee and a Certificate of Appreciation was given to Brian Reeves in recognition for all his service and support during his term on the committee.

The RSL sub-Branches continue to have a very strong association with their Day Clubs. This association through sponsorship and support is fundamental to the life of the Day Club Program. State Branch would like to sincerely thank each of those sub-Branches and strongly encourage them to continue with their ongoing involvement in 2013.

A big thank you to all our Day Club Coordinators and volunteers for the wonderful work and time that they have contributed to their clubs over many years of service.

State Branch thanks the Day Club Committee Members for their hard work, ensuring that NSW continues to lead the way in the Day Club movement. A special thank you also to Erica Greig, Margaret Morgan, and Kathryn Hodgkinson from DVA and our own Tom Barnsley for all their tireless work in supporting each of the individual Day Clubs throughout 2012.
A Day Club Members' outing - a recital by the Royal Australian Navy Band at St James Church, Sydney
RSL ANZAC ART COUNCIL

This Competition was completely run through a newly dedicated independent artwork Website from outside of the RSL system. Combining with all NSW Government public schools, private and independent school communities, we were able to gain exceptional credibility and met the competition aims to increase entry numbers, quality of artwork and a greater perceived image of the ANZAC story amongst the younger generations.

- 675 Registrations received
- 436 Entries Uploaded - 130 in 2011
- 6,450 Website visits
- 75 Schools participated - 19 in 2011
- 253 Awards to contestants

New and independent judging allowed the finalist entries to become RSL property for the ANZAC Art Exhibition. SMH advertising, all schools network promotions and art community websites endorsement joined forces to successfully promote the new RSL ANZAC Art Awards.

Several high profile and very active RSL sub-Branches who endorsed the new format competition greatly assisted as the new project moved forward. The Competition set a new benchmark. We believe that the format can be improved in a few small areas relating to timing.

The school ART network will continue to expand for the 2013 competition with increased publicity in promotion and editorial production of the first competition results and exhibition. New sponsorships and future exhibition spaces are to be sought as the next major direction.

The ‘2011 Australia My Country’ exhibition and launch at War Veterans, Narrabeen with the Royal Australian Navy Band and singer, Amber Lawrence was a true highlight of the year for this dedicated group of volunteers.

The winners of this years competition, one word, “out standing”. Well done to the team!

Patrick Medway AM
Coordinator - RSLANZAC Art Awards
RSLANZAC Art Council

RSL CORPS OF GUARDS

The Corps of Guards paraded for duty throughout 2012 mainly on weekends but also for special commemorative days the first being Australia Day with all available Guardians on Duty. For some it was their first exposure to a large number of visitors’ and to the visitors’ cameras. There were a number of ‘Firsts’ for the Corps during the year.

In February we were saddened by the death of Guardian Steve Baker. The guardians attended his funeral and acted as pall bearers.

State Council invited the Corps to participate in the ANZAC Day March and eight Guardians marched behind State Council. They also took up duty at the ANZAC Memorial helping to welcome visitors and assisting the Guides with enquiries about the Memorial.

As part of their duties the Guardians assisted at a number of Commemorative days at the Memorial. Their duties being to help with wreath laying and conducting the ‘Star of Memory’ ceremonies.

The Corps was also invited to parade and assist at the VP Day and Kokoda Day ceremonies at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway at Rhodes and beside Concord Repatriation General Hospital

On 28 October 2012 the second Graduation of the Corps took place with five new Guardians joining the Corps took place. The parade was reviewed by LTGEN Ken Gillespie, AO, DSC, CSC, a former Chief of the Army. In his address he made reference to a number of his experiences which related to the purpose of the Memorial and the role that the Corps is tasked with to ensure that its purpose is understood by the visitors.

The Corps is very strongly supported by a small band of Affiliates who have provided catering support when required for those special days that see the whole membership parading.

The Corps is still wishing to expand in numbers of suitably qualified and dedicated members of the League with the hope that it will provide a presence at the ANZAC Memorial every day for the remembrance of ANZAC.

Douglas N. James RFD
Adjutant
RSL Corps Of Guards
It is with much pleasure that I present our second annual report for the Welfare and Benevolent Institution. I trust that you will find it informative. It has more detailed reports and provides some practical examples of our work.

The year 2012 has seen the most change to the way we do our business. Late in the previous year the Trustees requested a review of our entire operations by the management consultants, PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting. After thoroughly investigating the way we operate in consultation with staff, RSL members, former clients, ADF personnel and other stakeholders, their advice to the Trustees was to rebrand our activities. It was from this suggestion that DefenceCare came into being. The decision to form DefenceCare has proved to be a success. We are delighted that Robyn Collins has taken up the role as the General Manager and has set up a very strong team to look after the increasing amount of Advocacy and Welfare work. Please read Robyn's report.

Mr John Hodges continues in his role as the National Veterans Affairs Advisor. I am sure you will find John's report informative and the many roles he has, ensuring that the voice of the League is heard loud and clear.

We are pleased that we have also been able to help our service men and women with many of the requests we have received. One such story was our sponsorship of the official ADF Operation Hellfire 12. Here we supported wounded ADF members in their rehabilitation by combining some R&R and some regimental activities at Hell Fire Pass & Kranji. This story was reported and documented in an edition of Reveille.

I would like to thank two of our long serving staff members, Mr Reg Tulip and Mr Max Hardy who retired during the year and I wish them the very best.

In conclusion my sincere thanks to our wonderful Women's Auxiliaries and sub-Branches for their donations and support thought out the year. Also to our dedicated and caring staff, without them we would not be able to help those in need.

Don Rowe OAM
Chairman
Welfare Benevolent Institution

For the year ended 31st December, 2012 the ANZAC House Trust had an operating surplus of $215,883. This surplus was achieved by leasing part of the building to commercial tenants.

ANZAC House was valued in 2010 at $12 million and will be re-valued in 2013 as it is the Board of Management's Policy to have an independent valuation of the land and building on a triennial basis.

In 2013 the Board of Management will be proceeding with a Facility Management analysis of the building to ensure greater planning for the future management of the asset over the next five years, in particular the air conditioning plant.

The ANZAC House Trust’s audited financial statements are available on www.rslnsw.org.au

Annette Mulliner OAM
Trustee
ANZAC House Trust

FACTS ABOUT ANZAC HOUSE
As you enter ANZAC House you will notice the words ‘Sacrifice’, ‘Courage’, ‘Endurance’ and ‘Mateship’ on the front door and foyer decorations. These words represent the four pillars of the ANZAC Spirit as depicted at Isurava in Papua New Guinea. This theme is carried throughout the building with each of the RSL floors dedicated to those pillars.

Level 7 - COURAGE
Trooper Mark Donaldson VC - Conference Room
Corporal Mathew Hopkins - Meeting Room
Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean MID - Meeting Room

Level 6 - MATESHIP / ENDURANCE
Hercules - Meeting Room
The Trenches - Lunchroom

Level 5 - SACRIFICE
H.G Madden GC - Meeting Room
AHS Cantaor - Interview Room
The Late George Quinsey, who was a former State Councillor for Eastern Metropolitan, left a bequest to assist dependents, descendants, or members of the family who served in the Commonwealth of Australia Armed Forces with war service not necessary.

The trust was set up and administered by the Public Trustee of New South Wales.

Both the RSL of Australia (New South Wales Branch) and the Vietnam Veterans’ Federation receive and assess the applications with the annual income from the Trust shared equally by both bodies.

A condition of the bequest is that the applicants had to be enrolled or were planning to be enrolled in a degree, diploma or certificate course of study at a university or TAFE college, in Accountancy, Commerce or Economics or a combination of such subjects. The scholarship amount is to pay enrolment or some or all tuition fees.

Three scholarships were awarded in 2012.

Mr Gordon William Smith

Mr Christopher John Varrall

Mr Reegan Lee Piper

The 2012 Annual Swimming Carnival was a very successful and was hosted by Zone 2/7 at the Ulladulla Leisure Centre. Congratulations to the following Zone Winners and individuals:

Sir William Yeo Trophy          Overall point score            Zone 2/7
Sir William Yeo Trophy          Overall point score (Female)    Zone 2/7
Sir William Yeo Trophy          Overall point score (Male)       Zone 2/7
Jack Roe Memorial Trophy        Senior (14 – 24 yrs)            Zone 2/7
Les Midson Trophy               Senior Girls Relay                Zone 2/7
Mary Allibone Memorial Trophy   Junior Boys Relay                Zone 6
Mary Allibone Memorial Trophy   Junior Girls Relay                Zone 2/7
Neil Ewer Encouragement Award   Female 8 and under - C. Wehbee  Zone 2/7
Neil Ewer Encouragement Award   Male 8 and under - J. Hamson     Zone 11
Johnson Appreciation Trophy     Senior Female - L. Dean           Zone 2/7
Blackwood Hodge Perpetual Trophy Senior Male - T. Jansen-Sturgeon Zone 6
Bev & Bob Gow Encouragement Award Female 8 and under - H. Kerbes  Zone 2/7
Bev & Bob Gow Encouragement Award Male 8 and under - R. Mather     Zone 11

No other perpetuals were handed out as there were no records broken.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)
Major General Angus John CAMPBELL AM
friend of RSL NSW

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)
Captain Bruce Lawrence LEGGE RAN
friend of RSL NSW

MEMBER (AM) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION
OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
Colonel David John SMITH
friend of RSL NSW

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION
Mr Alfred Clive CARPENTER ED
Hamilton RSL sub-Branch

Mr Stephen DICKMAN
Mittagong RSL sub-Branch

Mr Kerry DOURAN
Norfolk Island RSL sub-Branch

Mrs Michel Lindores HARBOURD
Baradine RSL sub-Branch

Mr Frederick Alexander McDonald
Auburn RSL sub-Branch

Mr Peter John STEPHENSON
Toronto RSL sub-Branch

Colonel Leslie James YOUNG (Ret’d)
Randwick RSL sub-Branch
Most improved recruit at RAAF Recruit School Intake No 3 - Air Commodore Bob Rodgers CSM presents the RSL trophy to AC Werner Schnetler.
The following members and friends of RSL NSW have been identified by State Branch as being honoured in the 2012 Australia Day Awards:

**MEDAL IN THE ORDER (OAM)**
- Mr Michael Ali
  Helensburg RSL sub-Branch
- Mr Robert Phillip Dobson AFSM
  Berowra RSL sub-Branch
- COL Graeme William Finney
  Wagga Wagga RSL sub-Branch
- Mr Raymond Jack Hart
  Cronulla RSL sub-Branch

**AUSTRALIAN FIELD SERVICE MEDAL**
- Mr Jeffrey James Bower
  Forster-Tuncurry RSL sub-Branch

In addition to members the following persons in NSW received:

**AO**
- MAJGEN Michael David Slater
  COMD Forces Command Victoria Barracks
  Sydney

**AM**
- Prof Tracey Therese McDonald
  RSL LifeCare Chair of Ageing,
  Australian Catholic University

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)**
- LEUT Richard Eric Brickacek RAN
  EOD Operation Slipper
- LEUT Peter James Fanning RAN
  1st Mentoring Task Force, Afghanistan
- SGT Brett Matthew Wood MG deceased
  SOTG, Afghanistan

**CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL**
- CMDR Alan William Regan RFD RANR
  – Headquarters Joint Operations Command
- FLGTL Russell Leonard Beck
  81 Wing, Williamtown
- SGT Brendan John Church
  Air Lift, Richmond

**RSL Meritorious Service Medal**
- BRIG Phillip Keith Bridie
  COMD 8th Brigade, Dundas
- The Hon. Gregory Reginald James QC
  Counsel for veterans
  British Nuclear Tests in Australia 1984-85
- OAM
  Prof Stephen John Clarke
  Repatriation Oncology Adviser, DVA
- Mrs Patricia Miles
  late of Eden
  Member RSL Women’s Auxiliary 1953 - 1980

**Certificate of Merit & Gold Badge**

The Certificate of Merit is the “highest award that may be made by the League to a person who is not a Member of any class of membership”, however “this clause shall not apply to a person who is the Member of a Women’s Auxiliary.

Sincere congratulations are extended to the 2012 recipient.

- Mrs Doris Carrall
  Westpac RSL sub-Branch
DefenceCare Fun Run - First PR exercise with defence community and general public at Cronulla Beach foreshore and headland.

Australian Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, addressed the RSL National Conference through video link from the USA saying, “the RSL is a powerful voice for all veterans.”

RSL Guardian Michael Reid who served in Timor in 2006 with the Australian Army shakes the hand of Timor-Leste President, Ray Rala Xanana Gusamo, visiting ANZAC Memorial on the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Timor.

Five Dock sub-Branch President, Sam Sleeman, presents President, Don Rowe, with one of the biggest cheques for the year for the State President’s Shield.
In November 2006 State Council agreed to become Community Sponsor in the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme.

The two persons selected from the 2012 Ballot

**Mr Jarrod Snell** 
nominated by 
Norfolk Island RSL sub-Branch

**Miss Leigh-Ann Botting** 
nominated by 
Auburn RSL sub-Branch.

The Training Ship Endeavour was docked for essential maintenance at short notice. The new voyage dates are yet to be determined.

The Cadet of the Year formerly known as the ‘Spirit of ANZAC’ Awards is a competition conducted annually by State Branch, in conjunction with the Cadet Services of the Australian Defence Force, to find the top Cadet in each of the three services. Cadets are assessed in Drill, First Aid, General Knowledge, a presentation on a military subject and a personal interview.

2012 winners are to be given a berth on STS ‘Young Endeavour’ on a date to be fixed in 2013 after the vessel completes repairs. The value of the training that the Cadets receive on the voyages is invaluable to their further prospects.

A number of previous winners of the Cadet of the Year have joined the Regular Forces.

**2012 WINNERS**

**CDTSGT Andrew MacGregor** 
Australian Army Cadets

**CDTLS Jake Moir** 
Australian Navy Cadets

**CUO Phoenix Richards** 
Air Force Cadets

State Branch acknowledges and thanks the sub-Branches who regularly donate funds to make the competition possible.
“Goodbye Poppy”
By Year 10 student Gabrielle Picard of Narrabeen - highest scoring competition artwork 2012 RSL ANZAC Art Awards.
Certificate of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the following for outstanding service to the League.

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The object of the scholarship is to assist students enrolling in courses within fields such as Rural Science, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Economics or Agriculture and to further their studies at the tertiary level.

The scholarship is open for competition amongst candidates in the Higher School Certificate examination in New South Wales. The scholarship is awarded on merit taking into account marks obtained at the HSC examination in the best ten (10) units of study. The scholarship carries an allowance of $600 per annum, paid in two (2) instalments. **No new scholarships were awarded in 2012.**
Central Council of RSL Women’s Auxiliaries held a two day administration training course at ANZAC House and Hyde Park Inn. Members with State President, Don Rowe.

Caring moment from ANZAC House Business Services Manager Jeff O’Brien, giving out roses to veterans at the Martin Place Cenotaph.

### ANZAC Day Band Results

**Section 1: Senior Pipes & Drums**
1st St Marys Band Club Pipes & Drums  
2nd Burwood RSL sub-Branch Pipes & Drums  
3rd LCC Southern Cross Pipes & Drums

**Section 2: Junior Pipes & Drums**
1st The Scots College Pipes & Drums  
2nd Knox Grammar School Pipe Band  
3rd PLC Sydney Pipes & Drums

**Section 3: Senior Brass & Concert**
1st Willoughby City Band  
2nd St Marys Band Club Brass Band  
3rd Australian Army Cadet Band Sydney

**Section 4: Junior Brass & Concert**
1st Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Orchestra  
2nd Trinity Grammar School Marching Band  
2nd Hunter School of Performing Arts Marching Band  
3rd Shore Cadet Unit Band

**Section 5: Senior Drum Corps**
1st Australian Air League Blacktown  
2nd Army Cadet Corps Band Penrith  
3rd Australian Air League Padstow

**Section 6: Junior Drum Corps**
1st Australian Air League Riverwood  
2nd Homebush Boys High School Drum Corps  
3rd Australian Air League Mt Pritchard

**Section 7: Service Bands**
1st NSW Fire Brigades Band  
2nd UNSW Regimental Band  
3rd Royal Australian Navy Band Sydney  
3rd Australian Army Band Sydney

**Section 8: Best Drum Major of the Day**
Ken Clark Memorial Trophy  
Drum Major Geoff Lazar  
Burwood RSL sub-Branch Pipes & Drums
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Mr Harold Boardman Cooke  
RSL sub-Branch Woolgoolga

Mr Robert Arnold Schuck  
RSL sub-Branch Waratah - Mayfield

Mr Keith W. Porter  
RSL sub-Branch Waratah - Mayfield

Mr John Neathway Brown  
RSL sub-Branch Parramatta

Mr Ronald John Bunt  
RSL sub-Branch Wallsend

Mr Jack Walker  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Malcolm Campbell  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Frank Huckstepp  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Noel Skinner  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Peter Flay  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Frederick Hazell  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Donald Adams  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Frederick Oliver  
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Mr Raymond Connell  
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Mr Bruce Dunn  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Albert Preston  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Jeffrey Boyce  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr John Mula  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Thomas O’Callaghan  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr Robert Billett  
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Mr Edwin Hughes  
RSL sub-Branch Liverpool

Mr John J. Carter  
RSL sub-Branch Wallsend

Mr Reginald Albert Young  
RSL sub-Branch Gosford

Mr Brian John Lannam  
RSL sub-Branch Forestville

Mr Clifford Bennet  
RSL sub-Branch Hornsby

Mr Paul Alexander Black  
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Mr Mervyn Maurice Blyth  
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Mr William Thomas Bourke  
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Mr Stanley Donald Cavanagh  
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Mr John Campbell Clark  
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Mr John Manning Dickson  
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Mr William Thomas Dowson  
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Mr James William Horton  
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Mr Matthew Masterton  
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Mr Maurice Anthony Perrott  
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Mr Bruce Dawson Brown  
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Mr Clive Barry Evan Blackman  
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Canterbury - Hurlstone Park

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Nowra - Greenwell Point

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Mr Raymond Hollis  
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Mr Clive (Neville) Orrock  
RSL sub-Branch Sussex Inlet

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### F.S. Maher Memorial Scholarship

The F.S. Maher Memorial Scholarship was established in 1972 to honour the memory of the late F.S. Maher, a former State President.

The scholarship is to assist in nurse training and education for those who were involved with the nursing of ex-service men and women and their spouses. **Scholarship is in abeyance at present.**
The State President conducted a presentation of Sir Colin Hines Scholarships to the 2012 recipients at the Hyde Park Forum on Tuesday 28 August 2012.

Five scholarships were awarded this year and the recipients received a Certificate and a cheque for $1200.

The Sir Colin Hines Scholarship Awards were established by the Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch) to assist the children of Vietnam Veterans with their tertiary education.

The Scholarship is available to all children of Vietnam Veterans resident in New South Wales. The veteran’s membership of the RSL is not a prerequisite.

The Scholarship is conducted through the State Branch and is administered by a Committee comprising a member of The Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch), members of the Australian Vietnam Forces Welcome Home Committee and a nominee of the Office of the Board of Studies.

The recipients were;

**Ms. Nattamon Fern Tantaphrueksa**

**Mrs. Suzanne Duncan**

**Ms. Kasmir Adie**

**Ms. Kimberley Elise Cox**

**Ms. Freyer Cross**

Applications for the Scholarship are made available on the HSC Students website “students on line” which is set up by the Office of the NSW Board of Studies. The detail has previously been available from October.

The applications close at the end of March each year.

The aim of the Award is to perpetuate the name of “ANZAC” and all it stands for in a contemporary and significant way.

First nominations for the award were called for in 1978 and are now implemented on an annual basis. The awards are in the form of a Silver Medallion for the “ANZAC Peace Prize” and seven Bronze Medallions for the “ANZAC of the Year Awards”

Only one ANZAC Peace Prize is awarded annually for outstanding efforts in promoting world understanding and peace. The award is not given if the selection panel does not identify a suitable candidate. Up to seven ANZAC of the Year awards can be awarded annually. The award is to recognise the service of the Australian citizens or organisations to their fellow human beings and the community in some positive, compassionate and selfless manner.

The RSL ANZAC Peace prize for 2012 was not awarded.

There were two recipients of the 33rd ANZAC of the Year award for 2012:

**Mrs Marie Hurley**

**Mr Anthony Toussaint**

Merimbula sub-Branch

Two outstanding entries in the ANZAC Art Award entries from Reddam House Bondi, selected for the 2013 annual URSF fundraising posters.
State Council approved 28 recommendations from sub-Branches during 2012.

Mr Francis Michael Delaney  
RSL sub-Branch Tumut

Mr Allan James Chapple  
RSL sub-Branch Homebush-Strathfield

Mr James Hector Lowe  
RSL sub-Branch Miranda

Mr Mervyn Thompson  
RSL sub-Branch Panania

Mr Paul Giordano  
RSL sub-Branch Corowa

Mr George Weddell  
RSL sub-Branch Ramsgate

Mr William Herbert Hardman  
RSL sub-Branch Forestville

Mr Brian Roger Bywater  
RSL sub-Branch Gilgandra

Mr Gary Bruce Mason  
RSL sub-Branch Narrabri

Mr Dennis Raymond Paine  
RSL sub-Branch Narrabri

Mr David John Taylor  
RSL sub-Branch Epping

Mr Wilfred James Taylor  
RSL sub-Branch Forster-Tuncurry

Mr William Keith Abbott  
RSL sub-Branch Bathurst

Mr Bernard Joseph Cain  
RSL sub-Branch North Ryde

Mr Gordon Graham  
RSL sub-Branch Seven Hills/Toongabbie/Wentworthville

Mr Kevin Magnay  
RSL sub-Branch Casino

Mr William Richard Burges  
RSL sub-Branch Harrington-Crowdy Head

Mr Lindsay Wellard  
RSL sub-Branch Shoalhaven Heads

Mr Frederick George Dawson  
RSL sub-Branch Nowra-Greenwell Point

Mr Roland Sheldon  
RSL sub-Branch Culburra Beach-Orient Point

Mr Douglas William Newall  
RSL sub-Branch Smithfield

Mr Harold Leslie Rofe  
RSL sub-Branch Smithfield

Mr Gary George Keenan  
RSL sub-Branch Hornsby

Mr Richard Leigh Biele  
RSL sub-Branch Picton-Thirlmere-Bargo

Mr George Jenkins MacKenzie  
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National President, Ken Doolan and Deputy National President, Don Rowe present Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO, Governor of NSW with a portrait when she received RSL Life Honorary membership in 2012.

District Council meeting for the Far North Coast delegates on a Sunday morning in the region, chaired by DC President, Bob Mowle.
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**Surplus** 2,724

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**Net Assets** 421,922
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**Deficit**  

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**Net Assets**  

245,895
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

WHAT WE RECEIVED $

- Membership Fees 739,753
- Administration Fees 377,984
- Donations 641,801
- Interest & Dividends 349,150
- Rental Income 1,219,438
- Hyde Park Inn 1,120,404
- Other Income 177,339

Total Income 4,625,869

WHAT WE SPENT $

- Administration Costs 750,513
- Provision of Services - Staff Costs 1,869,291
- Reveille 539,137
- Depreciation & Amortisation 221,188
- Property Expenditure 253,541
- State Councillor & General Travelling 207,200
- Legal Fees 517,252
- Rent 157,718
- Other Costs 213,006

Total Expenditure 4,728,846

Net Deficit (102,977)
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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Net Assets 38,612,593
With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children
England mourns for her dead across the sea,
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again,
They sit no more at familiar tables of home,
They have no lot in our labour of the daytime,
They sleep beyond England’s foam.

But where our desires and hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the night.

As the stars shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

The Ode comes from ‘For the Fallen’,
a poem by the English poet and writer Laurence Binyon
and was published in London in the Winnowing Fan;
Poems of the Great War 1914.
ANZAC Day

25th APRIL

2012 RSL ANZAC ART AWARDS
‘Guarding the Graves’
GOLD DISTINCTION AWARD

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The Affiliate badge includes three colours, red, white and blue and was designed by Mr Eric Smith, a past President of the South Australian Branch of the RSL. The symbolism of the colours is the same as that of the Service Members’ badge:

The **red** represents the blood tie of war upon which the Returned and Services League was originally founded;

The **white** stands for the purity of your motive in joining the League – to render service without thought of personal gain or ambition;

The **blue** indicates your willingness to render that service to a comrade anywhere under the blue sky – wherever that comrade may be.

The **crown** at the top of the badge symbolises the League’s loyalty to the Queen.

At the heart of the badge is a **Tri-Service emblem** representing the Army, Navy and Air Force and the link between Affiliate members, the RSL and our Armed Forces. The placement of this symbol at the centre of the badge is representative of the fact that at the heart of Affiliate membership is a commitment to honour those who have served our nation in war and peace through their enlistment in Australia’s Armed Forces.

The badge is a statement of your membership of the New South Wales Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia, and should be worn with pride.

It declares your commitment to render service at all times to your country, your comrades and the League. It joins you with a time honoured organisation that was founded by the most revered in our land and it is a privilege to wear this symbol of unity with the legend of ANZAC.
POPPY DAY

11th NOVEMBER

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'Splatter of Pain'
GOLD DISTINCTION AWARD

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