



SUB-BRANCH SIGNAL

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Podcast

The latest podcast from RSLWA's State President and CEO is now available to view on the website. Click [HERE](#) to listen,

The session discusses the importance of the Federal Government's commitment to the Royal Commission into Veteran Suicide. Slight changes to the election of board members to ensure better continuity was also discussed, as well as an Amendment to the Constitution Bylaws to help provide greater clarity about who RSLWA can provide assistance to.

If you are interested in engaging with the Royal Commission, announced on 8 July 2021 by the Prime Minister, you can do so by email to dvsrsrc.enquiries@royalcommission.gov.au or call 1800 329 095 (9AM TO 7pm AEST Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays). Further information about the Royal Commission is available at <https://defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au/>



Australia Department of Defence Image

Australian National Day to acknowledge Middle East service

The Defence Department is seeking feedback on plans to set up a new national day of commemoration to honour those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The website has been established for Defence personnel, veterans and their families to have their say over the next two weeks. Click [HERE](#) to do the survey. The survey closes at midnight on Sunday, 1 August 2021.



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Style Guide

RSLWA's Public Affairs staff have received numerous requests and queries relating to the use of the RSLWA logo and incorporating it with Sub-Branch titles.

As a result they have developed a new style guide which outlines the standardised use to provide instant audiences recognition and to build trust of the RSLWA brand.

In a world where we compete with other strong brands for funding and support, it's important that our logo remains consistent and looks professional across all internal and external marketing material.

The new Style Guide is available on the website through the Sub-Branch Toolbox.

Any Sub-Branch that would like a copy of their logo, please contact publicaffairs@rslwa.org.au



State President out and about

RSLWA's State President Peter Aspinall attended the Mount Barker Sub-Branch General Meeting on Sunday 18 July, which he said was well attended and involved good discussion. Peter (right) is pictured with Sub-Branch President Maurice Draper and Treasurer/Acting Secretary Judy Lill (centre).



Listening Post – Centenary Edition

The next edition of The Listening Post will mark the 100th Anniversary since the magazine began in December 1921. While we have some special ideas for this Centenary Edition, we still encourage Sub-Branches to send in articles. As this edition is anticipated to be very popular, pre-planning will be important. Anyone with a submission is encouraged to discuss it as early as possible with the Public

Affairs Manager so that adequate space can be allocated to Sub-Branch news. If you have an event or activity that you'd like to have included that might take place in October, please discuss potential deadlines well ahead of the activity.

Any copy or images received unannounced after mid-October may not be published.

Please make sure all images are at least 1MB or larger to ensure they can be run at a good size and will reproduce well in print.

Situational Awareness

A recent alleged attempted mugging incident at the Osborne Park RSL Sub-Branch involving the Secretary, his wife and another elderly member, has prompted a reminder that we all need to be situationally aware of our surroundings at all times.

It's highly unfortunate that we have people within our communities who seek out 'soft targets' in older people and venues where there is likely less security or less people to witness such attacks.

Vigilance could mean simple actions such as leaving in larger groups or just watching for others as they make their way through the car park, to installing more lighting and additional security if budgets permit.

To hear that our members have had to endure this type of abuse is not something that should be taken lightly. Stay vigilant and keep the RSLWA community safer.



CHARITY SCAM ALERT

The RSLWA has had community reports of collectors working in the Woodlands area door knocking and claiming to be collecting for behalf of RSLWA. The incidents have been reported to Consumer Protection and the Police. If you hear of similar reports in your Sub-Branch area, please let us know so we can alert the public through social media and other channels.



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