



SUB-BRANCH SIGNAL

October 2021

FROM THE CEO

MEMBERSHIP

Category	31 Aug 2021	31 Aug 2020	Up/Down
Total Financial Members	8,838	9,082	-244
Service Members	6,737	6,888	-151
Affiliates	1,832	1,956	-124
Life Members	126	117	+9
Life Subscribers	27	28	-1
Platinum Members	61	77	-16
Financial Complementary	50	Not Reported	N/A
Honorary Memberships	5	16	-11
New Service Members	21	58	-37
New Affiliate Members	18	59	-41

New Members/Rejoins	Aug 2021
Service Members	
- Navy	12
- Army	4
- Air Force	5
- No provided	0
Affiliate Members	18
DEATHS	Aug 2021
Financial Service Member	13
Life Member	2
Platinum Member	1

All Financial Members (Age)	Aug 2021
18-50	859
51-60	1,163
61-70*	2,140
71-80	3,219
81-90	1,089
91+	368
Gender	Aug 2021
Male	7,074
Female	1,764
Other	0

OVERVIEW

Highlights

- The identification of a Level 4 Advocate, with DVA experience, to complement existing staff.
- RSLWA now formally part of the national Veteran Employment Program (VEP).

Emerging Issues

- New report of a spike in Veteran suicide rates and new Veterans.
- Continued lack of affordable accommodation affecting Veterans at risk of homelessness.

Lowlights

- Nil

Priorities

- The on-boarding of a new Claims Advocate.

ANZAC HOUSE VETERANS CENTRAL

ANZAC House

- Risk Management Plan specific for ANZAC House under active development.
- Maintenance agreements post Defects Liability Period (DLP).
- Property operations, maintenance and energy cost considerations for ongoing management.

ANZAC CLUB

- Clubs WA Awards for Excellence. ANZAC Club Finalist and Runner-up.
- Club Membership Drive – exceeding target uptake.
- Operations: healthy uptake of organised Club events.

- Functions: shortfall in volume this period but strong forward uptake .

SUB-BRANCHES AND VETERANS LIAISON

City of Cockburn

Cockburn RSL Sub-Branch's AGM was on Sunday, 12 September that was well attended and saw the election of a new President in Tiny Small.

Quinns Rock

Quinns Rock RS Sub-Branch held its AGM on Monday, 13 September at the Quinns Rock Sports Club that saw 19 people in attendance.

Kwinana

The Kwinana RSL Sub-Branch held its AGM on Sunday, 19 September that was well attended and well run.

Other Activities and Upcoming Events

Australian Hotels Association WA

On Tuesday 14 September met with RSLWA to discuss possible alliance. The meeting resulted in an offer from AHAWA for RSLWA to become a member at a discounted rate that would allow all Sub-Branches to utilise its consultative services.

Unit & Kindred Group

The next meeting of the Unit and Kindred Group will take place on Thursday, 14 October at 1pm in ANZAC House Veteran Central.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIT

Highlights

- New website on target to launch by end of October.
- Veteran Central VSPs marketing meeting.
- ANZAC Day Coordinator position advertised.

Emerging Issues

- Focus on pre-Remembrance Day media promotions.

Lowlight

- Ongoing concerns of COVID affecting events planning.

Priorities

- Listening Post Centenary issue.
- Poppy Appeal + Remembrance Commemorative events.
- Veteran's Remembrance Day Sundowner/Cocktail event booking set up and promoting.
- Prospectus for annual Charity Golf Day.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

RSLWA website

Current website is ready for final migration of content to the new site.

Veteran Central VSPs Marketing Plan

Met with VSPs to discuss a range of initiatives to jointly promote Veteran Central services.

ANZAC Day 2022 Coordinator

Position advertised for a 6-month contract starting 1 November 2021.

Remembrance Day

Invitations sent for the Commemorative Service.

Everything in place for buglers in the CBD.

Initiative to light up buildings in red throughout the Perth CBD and in regional centres.

Trafalgar Day Dinner

Tickets selling for this keynote function to be held in AZNAC House on Thursday 21 October.

Fundraising Committee Support

Public Affairs is working on the collateral and promotion of key fundraising events identified by the Committee. These currently include collaboration with Legacy on a Gala Sundowner Fundraiser at Parliament House, the Annual Golf Charity Day for 2022 and a Veterans' Sundowner at ANZAC House to coincide with Remembrance Day.

Listening Post

Working to finalise the content for the November Centenary Edition of The Listening Post and the 100th Anniversary lift-out. Advertising well subscribed.

Sub-Branch Signal

Continuing to get compliments on the improved SBS. Feedback suggests the SBS has more interesting content. Next SBS due out 13 October 2021.

MON	ACTIVITY	DATE	DESCRIPTION	Supported by
OCT	Trafalgar Night Dinner	21-Oct	Fundraising	Defence West
NOV	ANZAC CLUB Melbourne Cup	2-Nov	Lunch	
	Remembrance Lunch	9-Nov	Lunch	
	Friends of Parliament (with Legacy WA)	23-Nov	Fundraising	State Parliament
DEC	Christmas Hampers for Vets	1-Dec	Fundraising	



State President Out and About

RSLWA's State President Peter Aspinall, State Vice President Duncan Anderson and CFO Peter McGlade attended the fourth Presidents' Forum which was held at Mt Barker on 18 September.

Photo: (L-R) State President Peter Aspinall, Mt Barker Sub-Branch President Maurice Draper, State Vice President Duncan Anderson, RSLWA CFO Peter McGlade and Albany Sub-Branch President Helen Tasker.

Legal Services

RSLWA has established an agreement for Legal Aid WA to set up a new service within ANZAC House that will assist Veterans and their families to make submissions to the Defence and Veteran Suicide Royal Commission.

A separate monthly legal service will soon be available at ANZAC House Veteran Central for veterans and their dependants.

On a fee-for-service basis at discounted rates, the service will be available from Monday 18 October.

In cases of financial hardship, RSLWA may be able to assist with the cost of either a Will or Power of Attorney.

Appointments can be made through RSLWA Welfare Officer on welfare@rslwa.org.au or 9287 3707.



DVA TV for Veterans



DVA has launched a new communication channel to provide updated information, support and recognition to the Defence and Veteran community.

Dedicated to veterans and their families, [DVA TV](#) will publish a wide variety of video content to a YouTube Channel about DVA services and the support that is available to them. Content on DVA TV will range from guides to accessing support, such as how to use

MyService, to capturing and sharing commemorative services, showcasing individual stories of service and posting important announcements from the department.

DVA TV will provide overviews and insights into the services available to the veteran community, including support for families, mental health programs, financial assistance and claims support, transition stories and messages of hope such as the positive impact programs such as the Psychiatric Assistance Dogs Program is having on veterans' lives. We are keen to ensure that DVA TV provides informative videos on what you want to know more about in the ex-service community and I welcome your suggestions for future content. Please either contact the ESORT Secretariat with your ideas or feel free to email suggestions to the [DVA's Communications Branch](#).

We hope DVA TV will have a positive impact and help to empower veterans and their families to be the best they can be.

Make sure you [subscribe to the channel](#) to be notified of new content!

Link: communications@dva.gov.au.

DVA TV Link:

www.youtube.com/channel/UC7WQ9eFKHzf5ICMUm0RpUyQ?app=desktop&sub_confirmation=1

Facebook: High Court upholds potential liability for the defamatory comments



State Branch wishes to inform all Sub-Branches of an important new development that may impact on inappropriate postings on social media.

In a significant decision handed down in early September, the High Court has confirmed that parties who create a Facebook page are potentially liable for defamatory comments from third parties.

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The practical effect of the decision is to require a greater degree of oversight by social media managers before third party content is made publicly accessible.

The potential risk arising from third-party content on social media accounts is most easily managed by removing the ability for third party comments to be made, or limiting who can do so.

An alternative approach is to proactively moderate third-party contributions prior to them being published. This is a feature available to Facebook administrators who can block posts with particular keywords, activate a profanity filter and/or require approval prior to posts being published publicly. Although this results in less transparency for users of the platform, the reduction of risk is arguably justified. – Special Counsel, Hamish McNair. [Download the full article here](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Remembrance Sundowner

RSLWA will be hosting a Veterans Remembrance Sundowner at ANZAC House on **Friday, 12 November 2021**.

Enjoy a thought-provoking presentation on contemporary challenges by a guest speaker, with Q&A. Bring your friends and take in the city and river views with drinks and canapes on the balcony and camaraderie. Non RSL members welcome. Live music following the speaker and a cash bar will be available.

More information to be made available when bookings opens on Monday, 18th October 2021.

Veterans Health Week

RSLWA will be hosting a Veterans Health Week Get Moving activity at ANZAC House on **Monday, 15 November 2021**.

The session will run.

Join Best Body's State Pilates Instructor from 10.30am to 11.30am for a 20 minutes of Reasons to get moving, even if you have aches and pains. The discussion will be followed by 30 minutes of simple movements that you can do at home without equipment.

The session will be recorded and shared with Sub-Branches who would like to host their own sessions later during Veteran's Health Week.

Participants attending any session will be eligible to get a copy so they can replay the sessions at home.



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