

# CRONULLA R.S.L SUB-BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT  
2019



## Sub-Branch President's Report

Hello members. This year's AGM concludes the 3 year tenure for all committee positions. I have cherished being your President for the past 3 years and am excited to be nominated for this position.

Our Sub-branch membership is still very strong, with new members joining on a regular basis. Our monthly meetings and luncheons continue to be reasonably well attended averaging 35 members each month. We've also had great success for a third year in a row with the return of the Night Chapter meetings.

Financially, we remain in a strong position even though our income situation hasn't changed. We are still charging a small fee for attendance at our various meeting/social activities to maintain our financial status. The Memorial Club continues to support the sub-Branch under the ClubGRANTS Scheme. ANZAC Day, Vietnam Veterans' Day and Remembrance Day in-so-far. A big weight financially off our shoulders. I would personally like to thank the CEO Sue McNeil, President Ian Bourke and all the board members for their interest and assistance once again.

During the past year, there have been a few major changes at RSLNSW.

Firstly, the appointment of Jon Black as the new CEO, a highly experienced executive with strong leadership experience across the Corporate and Government sectors, including service in the Australian Army. Already, Jon has provided great insight for major changes, and shown great confidence in his executive committee.

Secondly, as most of you are aware during the last few years our League has focused on drafting a new Constitution. This was finalised on 29 October 2019 at the RSLNSW Annual State Congress. Delegates from sub-Branches across the State approved the new Constitution, effective from 1 December 2019. What does this mean for us as a sub-Branch? First and foremost your committee can start to focus again solely on you as members and follow the

## Sub-Branch President's Report Continued...

RSLNSW Mission Statement 'To provide for the well-being, care, compensation and commemoration of serving and ex-serving Defence Force personnel and their dependants and promote Government and Community awareness of the need for a stable and progressive Australia'.

We start this by providing 3 days a week a functioning sub-Branch Office open on Tues, Wed and Thurs 09:30 – 14:30, manned by Kristy Nichols our Office Manager. Kristy is happy to assist you with any enquiry, either by personally visiting her at our office or by phone.

Next, Our Pension Officer Ron Shaw provides an excellent service for any DVA enquiries and claims. He has many years of experience and is happy to help not only sub-Branch members but also anyone who has served or still serving. Please pass the word around.

To stay connected and enjoy camaraderie that you experience while serving, please make an effort to attend our monthly general meeting falling on the first Monday of each month. Stay updated with RSL NSW and our sub-Branch, then afterwards enjoy light refreshments and a few drinks with likeminded people. If you are still working and cannot make the Monday meeting, we also host a "Night Chapter" meeting every 3 months to accommodate still serving and or those still working. Contact Kristy to find out all the details.

Commemorations remain our major focus during the year. This includes ANZAC Day, Vietnam Veterans' Day and Remembrance Day. These services are held in Monro Park. Due to the numbers increasing yearly for ANZAC Day, last year the committee decided to source a professional stage company to assist with providing a yearly sombre and respectful ANZAC Day Service with great success.

Apart from Commemoration Services we have reintroduced social outings. These outings, once or twice a year, allow members and their partners to enjoy visiting local memorials, museums and places that connect to our military service and history.

As you would have noticed we have moved from hard copy correspondence to digital. This enables us to get information directly to you at a low cost. The sub-Branch still provides printed correspondence should you require it. Moving into the digital era, we will be updating our Website, maintaining our Facebook page, adding pictures and news to our Instagram and working with the Memorial Club to advertise upcoming events by utilising the various screens around the Club.

The Memorial Club has also had another facelift since last year. Not only do we have an amazing function area on the bottom floor called "Soldiers on the Esplanade" and new sports bar area on level 2. The entrance to the Club has also had a face lift and looks amazing! The only thing missing is our Memorabilia displays. At this stage we are working with the CEO and the Board to produce professional displays throughout the Club. This will take some time and the Committee will keep you updated regularly.

## Sub-Branch President's Report Continued...

As I have already stated there will need to be a re-election this year at our AGM. Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to a few Committee members. Geoff Schuberg, David Cripps, Andrew Humphrey and Graham Ryland will not be standing for re-election. All four have given many years of service to the Committee especially Geoff who has been our Honorary Secretary and passionate supporter of our sub-Branch for well over 10 years. I would personally like to thank them all for their guidance and support and wish them all the best.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your support and guidance as your President during the past year and look forward to many more.

I hope to see you at a meeting soon or even at the Memorial Club.

**Cory Rinaldi**

**President**



## Sub-Branch Secretary's Annual Report

At the present time our membership stands at 331, a decrease of 37 from 2018. A total of 8 new members have joined with our monthly meetings averaging 35.

It is pleasing to see that the new Constitution has had no great impact on our sub-Branch and throughout the year we have met all financial requirements of a tax-exempt charity and are still in a reasonably strong financial position.

Financial and management support from the Memorial Club has continued, enabling us to make many improvements to our ANZAC Day, Vietnam Veterans' and Remembrance Day Services during the year. Our ANZAC Day Service in 2019 was an outstanding success with the re-introduction of a mobile stage truck.

I would like to thank the continuing assistance and commitment of Mrs. Kristy Nichols, our Office Manager. Her assistance to me has been nothing short of excellent.

I would like to thank the Committee and members for your support, in this my final year as sub-Branch Secretary. I also wish the incoming Secretary every success in the years ahead.

Best wishes and good health to all.

**Geoff Schuberg**  
**Secretary/Trustee**

## Sub-Branch Annual Welfare Report

Our Welfare team started the year with Greg Crumblin, Jenny Weir, Graham Ryland and Martin Holden. Sadly, due to illness earlier in the year, Greg was unable to continue and we wish him well for his recovery.

The team has conducted, on average, 15 visits per month for 2019 between them. These visits include mainly Nursing Home visits, but also hospital and home visits. I would like to thank them for their dedication and effort in visiting our members. As we are all aware our numbers are decreasing, and we are losing so many of our members – we will need to be a bit more innovative in how we help them to keep up their morale.

I would like to remind our members that for us to carry out our welfare visits, especially to those members in hospital we need to be informed of your situation, if you would like a visit from the team and if so where you are. This is the same for Nursing Home/Home visits. We are aware that some members have plenty of family support and do not need a visit from our team and we will only visit if it has been requested by yourself or your family.

Jenny Weir

Welfare and Treasurer

**Welfare Officer**

Jenny Weir – 8582 5040

**RSL Funeral Service**

Tony Di Betta – 0401 417 499

**Alternate contact please contact Kristy Nichols – Office Manager**

**8582 5040**

## Sub-Branch Annual Pensions Report

I have now entered my 10<sup>th</sup> year as your Pension Officer for our sub-Branch.

The pension role in 2019 has been increasingly busy.

The last twelve months saw an increase in pension applications to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

30 applications from Sub-Branch members and non-sub-Branch Members were received and forwarded on to DVA for assessment and determination. This included War Widows pension applications.

These applications were submitted under the provisions of the Veteran's Entitlement Act, (VEA) The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act (DRCA), and the Military Rehabilitation Compensation Act. (MRCA)

There has been an increase in the number of current ADF serving members and recently discharged ADF members seeking advice and assistance in the submission of claims.

Excellent results have been obtained in all cases submitted and determined by DVA under the provisions of the 3 Acts of Parliament. These include TPI, EDA, and War Widow accepted applications.

As such, I am fortunate that I have not had to appeal a DVA case determination to the Veterans Review Board for the past 18 months.

I have mentioned in the past that the DVA is bound by legislation that is difficult for untrained personnel to navigate their way through in claims preparation, evidence gathering and final submission.

My advice is that all members of our sub-Branch, and their friends, who may be former, or currently serving ADF, should always seek advice from trained Pension Officers and Advocates before they attempt to submit a claim.

**Ron Shaw J.P.**

**Pensions Officer**

### **Pensions Officers**

Ron Shaw – 8582 5040

Richard Davis – 9528 2496 or 0409 500 525

**Alternate contact please call Kristy Nichols – Office Manager for enquiries**

**8582 5040**

## Nominations – 2020 ELECTION

**CORY RINALDI – PRESIDENT**

**PAUL ZAAT – SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, SMDC DELEGATE, GENERAL COMMITTEE**

**TONY DI BETTA – JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT, SMDC DELEGATE, GENERAL  
COMMITTEE**

**DARRYL MENZIES - HONORARY SECRETARY, GENERAL COMMITTEE**

**JENNIFER WEIR – TREASURER**

**STAN GRIMSHAW – GENERAL COMMITTEE**

**MATT COADY – GENERAL COMMITTEE**

**NOTES**

# Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 December 2019

## Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch General Account

### Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Revenue</b>	2	50,885	55,423
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration expenses	3(a)	30,899	44,532
Affiliation expenses	3(b)	4,860	5,819
Donations	3(c)	1,206	3,277
Member benefit expenses	3(d)	36,377	46,669
<b>Total expenses</b>		<u>73,342</u>	<u>100,297</u>
<b>Operating surplus/(deficit)</b>		(22,457)	(44,874)
<b>Accumulated surplus at beginning of the year</b>		<u>918,778</u>	<u>963,652</u>
<b>Accumulated surplus at end of the year</b>		<u><u>896,321</u></u>	<u><u>918,778</u></u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*

# Statement of Financial Position

## As at 31 December 2019

### Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch General Account

#### Statement of Financial Position For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	40,886	28,818
Trade and other receivables	5	1,323	1,292
Financial assets	6	856,809	888,585
Other current assets	7	4,411	7,042
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>903,429</u>	<u>925,737</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	8	-	-
Computer equipment	8	-	-
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>903,429</u>	<u>925,737</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Bank overdraft	10	-	-
Trade and other payables	9	7,108	6,959
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>7,108</u>	<u>6,959</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>7,108</u>	<u>6,959</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>896,321</u>	<u>918,778</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated surplus		896,321	918,778
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>896,321</u>	<u>918,778</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

## President's Declaration and Independent Audit Report

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On Behalf of the Committee of Cronulla R.S.L Sub-Branch, I hereby declare that:

- (1) The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the Sub-Branch with respect to fundraising appeals;
- (2) The Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Sub-Branch;
- (3) The Sub-Branch has complied with the provision of the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*, The regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority; and
- (4) The internal controls exercised by the Sub-Branch are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the Sub-Branch from any of its fundraising appeals.
- (5) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

**Cory Rinaldi – President**

**Dated at Cronulla this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.**

# BUSINESS PARTNER ACCOUNTANTS

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## Independent audit report

To the members of Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch General Account

### Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch ("the Sub-Branch") General Account for the year ended 31 December, 2019. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and as described in the Notes to the Financial Statements, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

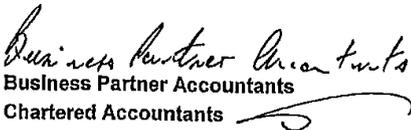
The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Sub-Branch financial reporting requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act, 1991. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

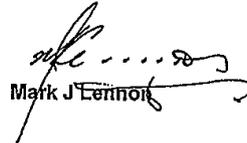
Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to the Financial Statements, included in the financial report. These policies do not require the application of Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to the Financial Statements included in the financial report, the financial position of Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch General Account as at 31 December, 2019 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

  
Business Partner Accountants  
Chartered Accountants

  
Mark J. Lennon

Miranda, NSW, this 28th day of February, 2020

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under Professional Standards Legislation

## Curranulla Day Club Report

It is a very sad for all of us, but this is our final Report for the Curranulla RSL Day Club.

We finished with 12 in attendance. A lovely lunch was had by all with entertainment by Col Hardy.

This month we have had our regular programs of gentle exercises, mental stimulation, quizzes, entertainment by the Dames and Ralph Scrivens and a special Remembrance Day message by Kerry Cattell.

Unfortunately, we lost Ron Penprase, a volunteer for over 17 years. Two weeks prior to losing Ron sadly Peg Sayer passed away after 19 years of being with us.

As a thank you to all those involved with the Day Club, we held a Luncheon at Woollooware Golf Club.

Thank you to everyone for 34 wonderful years of Curranulla Day Club.

Gloria Douce

Co-ordinator

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

This year we are publishing an abridged version of the Annual Accounts.

Full copies of the audited accounts are being held in the office.

Interested Members should contact the Sub-Branch Office

## **DAWN SERVICE**

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**5.15am – PARADE OUTSIDE R.S.L MEMORIAL CLUB**

**5.45am – DAWN SERVICE IN MONRO PARK**

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### **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE – PLACARD LAYING TRIBUTE CEREMONY**

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Groups, Clubs, Associations and Individuals are invited to participate, and should do so by firstly contacting the Sub-Branch Office on 8582 5040 where arrangements will be made.

For the ANZAC Day Book, vouchers will replace books – cost per voucher \$35. A placard will be placed indicating the person or organisation who donated the voucher and will show which school will benefit from that voucher.

The vouchers are to be donated to schools throughout our area for the purchase of books, to the benefit of our younger generation, and as a tribute to those who have served our nation in times of war.

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### **ANZAC ADDRESS TO SCHOOLS**

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It has been customary for Cronulla RSL sub-Branch to provide speakers to give an Address on an Anzac or Ex-Service theme to those schools in our area who request them. By and large it is the same people who volunteer year after year. Their participation is much appreciated by the sub-Branch and the schools too.

Those offering their services are now thin on the ground and unless we have more volunteers, we will have to advise some schools that no speakers are available.

Generally speaking, the Address is from 3 to 5 minutes and Speakers may be assured of very warm welcome from principals, teachers and pupils,

It can be a very heart-warming experience. Just let the sub-branch know that you are available.

**Geoff Schuberg APM**

**Hon. Secretary**

## Noticeboard

### SUB-BRANCH MEETING DATES

MONDAY 6 APRIL/ANZAC LUNCHEON	10.45 A.M.
MONDAY 4 MAY	10.45 A.M.
MONDAY 1 JUNE	10.45 A.M.
MONDAY 6 JULY	10.45 A.M.
MONDAY 3 AUGUST	10.45 A.M.
MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	10.45 A.M.
MONDAY 12 OCTOBER	10.45 A.M.
MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER	10.45 A.M.
MONDAY 7 DECEMBER/CHRISTMAS LUNCH	10.45 A.M.

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Sub-Branch members are advised that a general meeting will be held in the Gerrale Room on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 10.30am, in conjunction with the

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Followed by lunch.

Come along and be involved in your sub-Branch

Geoff Schuberg APM

Hon. Secretary

#### **ANZAC**

#### **COMMEMORATION LUNCHEON**

To be held at the CLUB

MONDAY 6th APRIL 2020

At 12 noon

Cost: \$30 per ticket

Sub-Branch Members and Partners.

(includes 2 course lunch and beverages)

Bookings are essential and can be made through the sub-Branch office on

(02) 8582 5040

## Noticeboard

### **FUNERAL SERVICE AND ARRANGEMENTS**

When any member or a family wish to have the RSL Service included in a funeral, the Welfare Officer is there to help you.

The sub-Branch can provide a Celebrant to conduct the RSL segment of a Member's funeral, if desired, in conjunction with the main service arranged by the Member's family.

Please contact Tony Dibetta 0401 417 499

Alternatively contact the sub-Branch office on 8582 5040 so that arrangements can be made.

### **PENSION OFFICERS**

For bookings please call

Ron Shaw 8582 5040

Richard Davis 9528 2496 /0409 500 525

### **TRAVEL PASS**

Members receiving a service disability pension are eligible for an ex-member of Defence Forces

Pass – which provides free travel on most metropolitan area Government and private buses, trains and ferries. Rural dwellers have local entitlements.

Enquire to RailCorp on 9379 4441 or toll free 1300 302 130.

DVA can provide application forms.



## Last Post

<b>Albert Millington</b>	<b>08/02/2017</b>
<b>Thomas Bracken</b>	<b>30/10/2017</b>
<b>John Woolridge</b>	<b>14/03/2018</b>
<b>Allan Cameron</b>	<b>15/03/2018</b>
<b>Eric Barton</b>	<b>28/02/2019</b>
<b>Jeffrey Bruce Barnett</b>	<b>30/05/2019</b>
<b>William Ronald Cundy</b>	<b>22/07/2019</b>
<b>James Ernest Douglas</b>	<b>22/07/2019</b>
<b>Peter Ward Frost</b>	<b>01/08/2019</b>
<b>Mary O'Toole</b>	<b>17/08/2019</b>
<b>Newton John Davies</b>	<b>09/11/2019</b>



## SUB-BRANCH OFFICERS – 2019

**President:** Cory Rinaldi

**Snr Vice-President:** Stan Grimshaw (to 11 March 2019)

Paul Zaat (from 12 March 2019)

**Jnr Vice President:** Greg Crumblin (to 30 June 2019)

Tony Dibetta (from 1 July 2019)

**Hon. Secretary:** Geoff Schuberg

**Hon. Treasurer:** Jenny Weir

**Hon. Publicity/Memorabilia:** Stan Grimshaw

**SMDC Delegates:** Tony Dibetta, Paul Zaat

**General Committee:** David Cripps, Andrew Humphrey, Graham Ryland, Darryl Menzies

**Trustees:** Geoff Schuberg, Ian Amos, John Keys

**Welfare Officer:** Jenny Weir

**Pension Officers:** Ron Shaw, Richard Davis

**Office:** Kristy Nichols

**Auditor:** Business Partner Accountants

