



**Bondi Junction-Waverley
Sub-Branch Returned
Services League**

ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

**AGENDA
FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BONDI JUNCTION-WAVERLEY RSL
SUB-BRANCH ON 15TH MARCH 2026
IN THE FUNCTION ROOM -
1ST FLOOR, CLUB BONDI JUNCTION,
AFTER 1100 HOURS**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APOLOGIES

MINUTES OF 2025 AGM FOR ADOPTION.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER,
WELFARE, EMDC, CONGRESS, SPORT & REC.

Notice of Motion – Special Resolutions.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

DECLARATION OF BALLOT PAPER FOR OFFICERS FOR 2026.

NOMINATIONS FROM FLOOR AND ELECTION OF

THE FOLLOWING:

TRUSTEE – IF A VACANCY OCCURS
DELEGATES TO EMDC AND ALTERNATE
STATE CONGRESS (1) + ALTERNATE.
WELFARE OFFICER AND ASSISTANT.

SOLICITORS

AUDITORS

RECOMMENDATIONS

W. HARRIGAN

Honorary Sub-Branch Secretary.

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Of the

Bondi Junction-Waverley
Returned Services League Sub-Branch

For the Year ended 31st December 2025

For presentation to the Members
of the Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL
(Returned & Services League)
Sub-Branch on
on Sunday 15th March 2026.

SUB-BRANCH OFFICE BEARERS 2025

President: G. GOODIESON

Vice-Presidents: T. NICOLL

Honorary Treasurer: E. LINDSAY

Honorary Secretary: W.T. HARRIGAN

Assistant Honorary Secretary: S. WELMAN

Committee: D. JEFFREY, J. KEARNEY, AND J. METZL.

Welfare Officer: D. JEFFREY.

EMDC: Delegate: G. GOODIESON; ; **Alt. Delegate:** T. NICOLL.

Congress: Delegate: W.T. HARRIGAN; **Alt. Delegate:** G. GOODIESON

Sports & Recreation Delegate: T. NICOLL

Recruitment Officer – W. T. HARRIGAN

Trustees: W.T. HARRIGAN, D. JEFFREY, G. GOODIESON.

Life Members: V. BUCHAN, K. HAGAN.

Meritorious Service Member and Life Member: W. T. HARRIGAN

Office Assistant – Mrs Lisa Cinicola

Solicitor: Mr Mark Bowen – Bowen Legal.

Auditors: Mr K. Wright of Meagher Howard & Wright.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

Members, I trust you all had a very good Christmas and New Year.

The year is already off to a flying start, and it feels like it's going to be another busy year.

I personally want to thank all my committee for their time, effort and dedication they each have put in over the last twelve months. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that people don't see, to make our Sub Branch a very organised and professional functioning organisation.

Special thanks to my Honorary Sub Branch Secretary, Bill Harrigan for his tireless dedication to our Sub Branch over 29 years and his passion and drive that has now positioned BJWSB in a remarkable position moving forward, with a magnificent Sub Branch office located inside Club Bondi Junction. We all should feel extremely proud of the facilities we have here in Club Bondi Junction. Lastly, a big thank you to our fabulous Office Assistant , Lisa Cinicola, for the attention to detail and keeping us all on track.

There is an AGM for positions of office bearers to be held on Sunday 15th March in the Clubs Function Rm starting at 11.00am. You all should have received a nomination form.

If you would like to get involved with the running of the Sub Branch and assist with attending the different memorial services, Welfare, Sport & Rec, District Council and other general activities as required, please get your nomination forms signed and sent in by 6.00pm Monday 16th February 2026.

The nomination form guides you as to how to fill in the nomination form. Please remember this is a three year commitment.

I was reading the latest Reveille Magazine and I just wanted to share with you a little about what's happening in State Branch in 2026.

It's quite amazing, how one person can change an organisation. Our new temporary State President, Vince Williams is not mucking around. Below is what he intends to do this year.

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“Starting in February 2026, the RSL NSW Board and ANZAC House team will hit the road for a series of face-to-face forums across the state.

The 2025 Congress didn't just wrap up another successful year – it kick-started a state-wide conversation about where RSL NSW is headed.

One message came through loud and clear: sub-Branches want practical, consistent support from ANZAC House to keep doing what they do best.

And now we're taking the conversation on the road.

Starting in February 2026, the RSL NSW Board and ANZAC House team will hit the road for a series of face-to-face forums across the state.

We're busy finalising the roadshow itinerary for release as soon as possible; however, this is when we're currently planning to be in your region:

Sydney CBD (May)

We'll be meeting members out in their regions, listening directly to them, and testing ideas that will shape our next chapter. And we'll also hold several virtual consultation sessions for those members who cannot make it in person.

The feedback gathered will directly inform the RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2026–2031 to be finalised ahead of Congress and the AGM in October.

The Strategic Plan will set the future direction for this proud, much-loved institution – and ensure that RSL NSW can continue to provide care, camaraderie and charitable support for veterans and their families for generations to come.

This is your roadmap. Your voice will shape it. And the roadshow is your chance to be heard.

Sport & Rec is certainly going from strength to strength, besides coffee catchups, in 2026 my Sub Branch team will be organising more group activities. We also need to attract new members into the Sub Branch to be involved with the Sport & Rec activities.

I think you will be amazed at the list of activities that different Sub Branches are getting involved in.

Coffee catch ups, Art class, Gym classes, Lawn Bowls, Social golf, Group fitness, Darts, Wellbeing walk & talk, Craft groups, Mahjong, Guitar groups, Darts and Billiards, Boxing classes, Pilates, Breakfast, Back to Balance, Sailing, Low impact exercise class, Strength & Conditioning, Meditation, Trivia Nights, Fishing, Bus Trips, Walk tea & coffee.

I certainly would like to hear what your interests are and start planning some events. For many of these events your families are encouraged to come along.

As you are aware, we are wanting to sell the town houses in Patonga. We now have an official valuation, IAW SOP6 the Sub Branch now requires the approval of State Branch before the sale can go ahead. Valuation of the property at Patonga is \$2.1M. I hope to receive advice in the next few weeks from State Branch in time

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for the March meeting. I want to make everyone aware that the money from the sale of town houses is our Sub Branch money, it will not go to State Branch revenue. If and when we sell Patonga, the funds will be deposited with either Morgan Stanley or Ethinvest whichever is performing the best at the time of sale.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in March.

Yours Sincerely

Greg Goodieson

Sub-Branch PRESIDENT.



Photo from the ANZAC Day Commemoration Service at Waverley Park 2025

HONORARY SUB-BRANCH SECRETARY REPORT



Hello Members,

We moved into our Sub-Branch office in the new club in September 2024, and yet we are still settling in. The sub-Branch entered into a Deed of Accommodation with the Club in finalising the sale price which guaranteed an office area in the new Club. It is on level one with its entrance adjacent to the Club Administration offices. We still have to finish the memorabilia display and unpack and sort out a lot of the records we stored while the sub-Branch office was closed. Some of the records may now be destroyed while others need to be sorted and indexed.

This is my last term as your Honorary Secretary, a position I have held on and off since March 1996, along with the position of your President from 2017 until 2024. So it will be exactly 30 years come the March AGM. I can say I have enjoyed these 30 years of service to our members, and I remember we had 930 in 1996, which has reduced over those years to the 130 Service and Affiliate members we currently have. While I am not going to reflect too much on those years in this report. I have prepared a short history of my service in this year's annual report for anyone who may find it interesting. It also provided me with the opportunity to look back on some of the events which took place in which I was involved to some extent.

When I commenced, the previous Secretary, Bill Kirkwood, had organised an office assistant to be provided from the Club for a day or so each week to look after our membership and do office work. When Aruna left we employed Mrs. Dianne Bouffler until 2008, and then we were fortunate enough to obtain the services of current office assistant Lisa Cinicola who has been with the sub-Branch and myself to this day. Lisa is now the main stay of our office, compiling the accounts for the Treasurer and generally overseeing and managing the day-to-day affairs of the sub-Branch office. Lisa is employed by the sub-Branch three half days each week, and keeps the President and myself fully informed of what is going on, from e-mails, messages, telephone calls, and all manner of things. Lisa, with the assistance of our minute secretary Sue Welman, completes the minutes immediately the next day after our committee and quarterly meetings. Lisa prepares our Annual Reports and Newsletters ensuring they go out on time to all members. Lisa is a dedicated and exceptional person, and we have been most fortunate to have Lisa working for our members for such a long period of time. I would have been lost without her, and so would the sub-Branch members, having had the privilege of working with her in the sub-Branch offices over the past 20 years.

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I would also specially mention Mrs. Sue Welman, who took on the duties of Honorary Secretary when I became your President, from 2017 until 2024. When I returned to the role of Honorary Secretary to ensure our current President was elected, Sue continued on as the minute Secretary and doing a great job compiling them with Lisa after each monthly or Quarterly meeting to ensure our minutes were accurate and all matters ensuing were dealt with expeditiously.

On behalf of the sub-Branch executive committee and all members, I extend sincere condolences and expression of sympathy to the families and friends of those departed in 2025.

VALE: DEPARTED COMRADES

William ATKINSON; Michael GARGARO; Robert HARRIS; John KIRBY; Mieczyslan (Mac) PIEC; Owen STEVENS.

Finally, I wish to thank all of the Committee for their time and efforts throughout the year and especially David Jeffrey for his commitment as our sub-Branch Welfare Officer in looking after our members in need.

I am very happy to move on after my 30 years, knowing the sub-Branch in the good hands of our current President Greg Goodieson, who is very committed to his position as President, and those of the current committee who are standing for re-election, who I know are all committed to our great sub-Branch.

I remember over 20 years ago, calling in with Vince Buchan to see our President Tom Westwood in hospital shortly before he passed away. He looked at us both and said I am happy to see our sub-Branch is being left in good hands, well we did our best for Tom and his WW2 members who created most of our wealth.

Bill Harrigan

Honorary Secretary

Photo's from the Remembrance Day Service at Waverley Park



SUB-BRANCH HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT



Hello members,

The following is my annual report for 2025.

It has been a long year with many hours from the committee to keep the Sub-Branch running smoothly. I thank President Greg and my fellow committee for their tireless hours, dedication and support, which is invaluable.

Financially we are in a sound position due mainly to the investments with Ethinvest and Morgan Stanley. The return from these organisations over the three-year period is very close to 10% which is outstanding. I thank them for their diligence and professionalism. You would be hard pressed to get these returns elsewhere. Here's hoping for another successful year, which has been forecasted.

The sale of Patonga is progressing, but it is something that cannot be rushed. Imagine \$2 million invested with a 10% return. Once again, we have made enormous donations due to our returns from investments, RSL NSW are the major beneficiaries of these donations.

The office is very efficiently run by Lisa Cinicola, who as usual, goes about her business with aplomb and a friendly smile. After the December storms of 2024, the office itself is in good shape and functionally sound.

I would like to thank CBJ for their support throughout the year and Jai and his staff for the wonderful meals they have provided us at the quarterly meetings, quality indeed. Our attendance numbers for quarterly meetings are dropping, and it would be great to see this pick up this year. Be proactive and come and participate, we would love to see you all.

In closing, I wish all members a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2026.

Erle Lindsay
Honorary Treasurer

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Photo from the ANZAC Day Commemoration Service at Waverley Park 2025



War Memorial Hospital - ANZAC Day Commemoration Service 24th April 2025

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT



Hi Everyone

Beginning with some great news, Edith Young is about to celebrate her 100th birthday on the 20th of February - YAY !!

Edith has a truly magnificent family, military and community history. Her & late husband Reg had a wonderful long marriage. Reg fought in both WW1 & WW11 including New Guinea

A very proud & loving Mother, Grand Mother & now Great Grand Mother, Edith shares a great-grandchild with Vince Buchan.

Edith herself a veteran of WW11 was stationed at Kelso near Bathurst in Army Supplies. Interestingly, a couple of her workmates were Italian P-O-Ws.

When we asked Edith about some of the interesting times they all must have had in the Army Edith simply replied, "Us girls have got to have some secrets"!!

A member of Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL, the Sub-Branch and the Women's Auxiliary since 1985, her service has been nothing but exemplary. Visiting the sick and wounded, many from WW11, Edith travelled to Eastern Suburbs, Concord and Narrabeen; sometimes with Sub-Branch Welfare Officers, but often on her own, using public transport.

Edith was President of the Women's Auxiliary from 2005 until 2017 and Welfare Officer from 2000-2017.

Her huge commitment to just about everything has involved organising ANZAC Day breakfasts & luncheons, Club Annual Dinners, Sub-Branch Quarterly meetings; some of these taking a couple of days preparation.

Edith was constantly involved in fund-raising activities and fetes, the sale of ANZAC Badges, Remembrance Day Poppies and numerous raffle tickets.

In 2023, along with her great friend Barbara Urquhart, Edith was awarded Life Membership of the RSL Women's Auxiliary with a Certificate of Merit and Gold Bar in recognition of "Outstanding Service to RSL and Women's Auxiliary"

Today, Edith lives at home & does all the cooking. When asked what's the secret to such a long & healthy life Edith, with a bit of a twinkle in her eye, reckons it's her old habit of a glass of chardonnay before lunch, another before tea and quite often a third before going to bed.

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Her son Keith says Mum has always been a bit of a rebel and described her as not backward in coming forward !!

Edith, thanks for everything you have done for all of us.



In other news, it's good to see Vince Buchan back home after a couple of stints in hospital over the year.

Stan Rugless had treatment & a few tests and back home now.

Rexie Smith is persisting with slow recovery from a broken shoulder.

Ernie Whitbourne was in St Vinnies for a while & back home again now

Donny Johnson broke a few ribs & spent a while in POW & now recovering slowly.

Richard Gough was in Sydney Hospital with shoulder problems in Rehab.

Barbara Urquhart is receiving strong support at home from family & Donny Johnson

Walking Frames: I still have a couple of old ones if you ever need one.

Welfare Notice Board: Our new Welfare Notice Board is on the wall beside where we swipe our cards for the club points.

Check it out, it's an excellent way to keep a track on of friends & members.

MyAge Care: Remember, it is a good idea to sign up as soon as you turn 65, whether you need it or not. That way you can often avoid a lot of the long waiting times later on.

Visits: Don't forget you are very welcome to come along on any visits with me.

And finally, any news about anyone, or things we have missed out please call or leave a message.

Stay in touch,

Dave Jeffrey:

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Welfare Officer

EASTERN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Hello Members,

Members EMDC functioned well during 2025, most EMDC meetings saw representatives from all Sub Branches from our district. It is no secret that a degree of disunity at State Board level has hampered progress of necessary strategic and operational EMDC objectives.

For this EMDC report, I wanted to give you a quick brief on what took place within RSL State Branch over the last quarter of 2025.

Members expect strong, united leadership and a clear vision for the future, we certainly did not see it in 2025.

Mick Bainbridge resigned as President of the RSL NSW State Board on Thursday 9 October 2025. His resignation, along with three other board members Paul-Raymond James, Phillip Chin, and Dr. Charles New OAM, took effect immediately, just before a meeting was scheduled to consider his removal regarding alleged breaches of the RSL NSW code of conduct and conflict of interest rules.

With RSL Congress only two weeks away, State Branch needed to find a new President. Brigadier Vincent Williams, CSC (Retd.) was subsequently appointed as acting RSL NSW President.

RSL NSW State Congress and Annual General this year was held in Tamworth from October 24–26, 2025, Over 600 delegates attended.

Strategic planning workshop was held in which all Sub Branches were involved, what flowed from this workshop was a united, future-focused direction for 2026–2031, prioritizing volunteer retention, financial sustainability for sub-Branches, and enhanced veteran services. Key initiatives include a 2026 regional roadshow for member consultation, digital transformation, and implementing recommendations from the Royal Commission

- **Strategic Direction:** The event featured a full-day, in-depth, planning workshop aimed at aligning, metro, regional, and rural sub-branches to secure the future of the, century-old, charity.
- **Leadership Updates:** The appointment of Brigadier Vincent Williams, CSC (Retd.), as the new Acting President was, officially, ratified.
- **Key Focus Areas:** Discussions centered on, sustainable, financial, management, for sub-branches, improved training, for volunteers, and enhanced mental health support for veterans.
- **Future Planning:** The insights from congress will directly form part of the new RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2026–2031, with a draft to be, presented in October 2026.

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Location: This was the first of a three-year commitment to hold the state, congress in Tamworth.

Moving forward, I believe the RSL NSW State Branch now has a good leader in President, Brigadier Vincent Williams, CSC (Retd). He has the ability, knowledge and drive to put the RSL back on track.

EMDC look forward to a positive 2026 and working with State Branch more closely, as the work of renewal and reform will require courage, unity, and resilience at every level of our organisation.

G. Goodieson

EMDC Treasurer

108th ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS 2025 REPORT

This year the Congress was held in Tamworth NSW at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre. Greg and I travelled from home here by car on the 29th October arriving in time for its commencement at 3.00pm.

The first session was the Official Opening Ceremony, followed by a Wreath Laying and a short Commemorative Service. There was an official welcome to Tamworth by the Mayor along with an Awards Presentation. It was good to see our EMDC Vice President and a colleague of mine over many years, Col Flatters, receive the Meritorious Service Medal, the highest Award by the RSL for service over 25 years. This was followed by the usual Board, CEO and DPC reports and an address by the National President. This was followed up with a welcome function finishing about 6.30pm.

Saturday morning commenced at the Centre at 8.00am with Congress presentations including a Veterans Policy and Services Update. This was followed by an interesting Q and A session, however most of the questions posed were taken on line which took over an hour, so when it was time for questions from the floor only a few minutes were left in the time table. This, in my mind, prevented some of the more pressing questions about the recent resignation of four Directors, including the President and Vice President to be properly addressed. The only actual reference to these recent events was all being told their will be three appointments made from volunteers until the next Board elections in October 2026.

The rest of the day involved Strategic Planning Sessions by all of the 380 delegates and alternate delegates in attendance, to assist with ideas for the forthcoming 2026-2030 Strategic Plan. At the end of the day we travelled to the Tamworth Bowling Club for a Sports and Recreation event in which Greg and I were eliminated in the second round of our bowls event. We enjoyed a buffet dinner and refreshments provided by State Branch. Sunday commenced at the Centre at 8.00am when we collected our voting devices and then followed a number of Congress Presentations. The AGM commenced after morning tea about 10.30am where we were asked to debate and vote on 23 motions for consideration. There was 191 Delegates in attendance eligible to vote. The meeting ended about 2.30pm with the 2025 Annual congress being closed. The next Congress will again be at Tamworth at a date about the same time next year to be decided. For those more interested in the 2025 Congress, the full events are available through the NSW RSL State Branch website.

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This was my 28th attendance at a State Branch Congresses since 1997, which was held at the Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club, and will be my last representing our sub-Branch. (I also served on the NSW RSL State Branch for 16 years attending a number of National Congresses. Each event being a memorable experience and one providing me the opportunity to make many friends.

W. T. Harrigan

State Congress Delegate



Photos from State Congress 2025:



MESSAGE FROM THE SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER



Dear Members,

2025 has been an exciting and successful year for the Sport and Recreation Program. We hosted a number coffee and wellbeing club morning teas, welcoming over 250 attendees from eight different sub-branches.

A standout moment this year was assisting RSL NSW with the City to Surf with over 350 veterans attending . This was the second event of its kind, with Sport & Rec proudly funding entry fees for all participants.

After completing the run, members and their families enjoyed exclusive access to the hotel's second floor

— the perfect place to relax, rehydrate, and reconnect.

A huge thank you to Jeanette for help in running the event.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Planning is already underway to expand the program with a range of new activities:

- Lawn Bowls
- Sailing
- Darts
- Walking club
- More Coffee & Wellbeing Clubs across additional locations

We're committed to providing opportunities for veterans, members, and their families to connect, strengthen local networks, and foster camaraderie through sport, recreation, and shared experiences.

If you have any suggestions for events or would like your sub-Branch to participate in future activities, please let us know — your ideas help us grow this program for everyone.

2025 Highlights

This year, the RSL NSW Sport & Recreation Program proudly:

Delivered over 2,100 activities for veterans and families — including darts, fishing, surfing, yoga, and movie days

Expanded to 105 registered sub-Branches, representing more than one-third of all NSW sub-Branches

Provided over \$175,000 in funding for sub-Branch activities across NSW

Supported the largest veteran and family team in the City2Surf, with 350 runners and walkers from Sydney to Bondi Beach

Sponsored NSW's first Run Army event, involving more than 200 ADF participants

If you have any questions about the RSL NSW Sport & Recreation Program, please contact the Member Support Team via support@rslnsw.org.au or call 1300 679 775.

Warm regards,

T. Nicoll
Sport & Recreation Officer

**Photo's from the Sport & Rec M/Tea
25th June 2025**



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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Dividends Received		380,934	344,270
(Loss) / gain on disposal of investments		227,173	76,495
Net income from rental properties		130,947	123,160
Interest income		113,688	167,519
Refunds		93	-
Total Income		852,834	711,444
Total Income		852,834	711,444
EXPENSES			
Annual Report		1,770	1,609
Anzac day expenses		4,809	2,818
Auditors' remuneration		13,475	10,000
Committee meeting expenses		2,630	517
Computer Expenses		998	4,882
Depreciation		30,373	52,212
Donations and testimonials		168,125	151,280
E.M.D.C expenses		1,600	2,530
General Expenses		10,980	17,260
Insurance		35,052	31,711
Members benefits and Christmas cheer		2,453	3,606
Portfolio fee		43,144	40,061
Printing & Stationery		2,485	1,332
Quarterly meeting expenses		10,517	10,041
Rental and set-up of office space		2,454	27,122
Salaries and superannuation		28,274	32,026
Telephone		1,793	1,638
Welfare and relief fund expenses		2,557	3,213
Total Expenses		363,489	393,858
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation		489,345	317,586
Net Profit After Tax		489,345	317,586

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

ASSETS	Notes	2025	2024
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	422,448	358,715
GST Receivable		775	1,667
Non trade debtors	4	<u>92,508</u>	<u>160,391</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>515,731</u>	<u>520,77</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	2,230,000	2,260,373
Financial Assets	5	<u>7,872,428</u>	<u>7,345,475</u>
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>10,102,428</u>	<u>9,605,848</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>10,618,159</u>	<u>10,126,621</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	8	13,968	11,775
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>13,968</u>	<u>11,775</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>13,968</u>	<u>11,775</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>10,604,191</u>	<u>10,114,846</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		9,729,388	9,240,043
Freehold Reserves		<u>874,803</u>	<u>874,803</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>10,604,191</u>	<u>10,114,846</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
Dividends and distributions received		307,164	279,159
Rents received		221,409	217,198
Subscriptions		-	-
Donations received		-	-
Interest received		59,684	63,471
Payments to suppliers and employees		<u>(226,528)</u>	<u>(375,949)</u>
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	9	<u>361,729</u>	<u>83,879</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant & equipment		(41,091)	(36,683)
(Increase)/decrease in financial assets (<u>256,905)</u>	<u>(122,125)</u>
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities		<u>(297,996)</u>	<u>(158,808)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		63,733	25,071
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year		<u>358,715</u>	<u>333,644</u>
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	9	<u>422,448</u>	<u>358,715</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Accumulated Surplus	Land Revaluation Reserve	Total Members Fund
	\$	\$	\$
Balances as at 1 January 2024	8,922,457	874,803	9,797,260
Comprehensive income	1317,586	-	317,586
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>317,586</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317,586</u>
Balances as at 31 December 2024	<u>9,240,043</u>	<u>874,803</u>	<u>10,114,846</u>
Comprehensive income			
Surplus for the year	489,345	-	489,345
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>489,345</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>489,345</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2025	<u>9,729,388</u>	<u>874,803</u>	<u>10,604,191</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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This financial report is for Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL Sub-branch as an individual unincorporated entity domiciled in New South Wales, Australia. The financial statements were authorised for issue on the 16th of February 2025. The functional and presentation currency of the Company is Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

1. Basis of preparation

The financial report has been prepared on the basis that Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL Sub-branch is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on a general-purpose financial report. The financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below which the Sub-Branch Committee have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The Sub-Branch is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

As the Sub-branch is not a reporting entity, it is not required to prepare financial statements in accordance with Accounting Standards. Applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory reporting requirements have been adopted with the exception of the following: *AASB 112 Income Taxes*

AASB 112 Income Taxes

AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures

AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation

AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

2.1 Income tax

The Sub-branch is registered under the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act, 1991 and in accordance with section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997 is exempt from income tax.

2.2 Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses

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2.2 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

In accordance with Returned Services League State Headquarters requirements, freehold land has been disclosed in the statement of financial position at the greater of actual purchase cost or unimproved capital value at statement of financial position date. The resultant increase in values has been credited to the Freehold land revaluation reserve account in the statement of financial position.

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess recoverable amount from these assets.

2.3 Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment, including buildings is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Item	Depreciation rate
Buildings	4 - 5%
Plant and equipment	10%
Furniture, fittings and effects	10 - 15%
Computers and equipment	20%

Gains or losses on disposal, when occurring, are determined by comparing disposal proceeds with the carrying amount.

2.4 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash on hand and cash at bank are highly liquid and available at call. Cash at bank is interest bearing at rates of between 0.01% and 0.25% p.a. (2024: 0.01% to 0.25%).

2.5 Revenue and other income

Interest received and recognised as received and as it accrues from day to day. At balance date interest accruing but not yet credited is calculated and brought to account to reflect total earnings for the financial year.

All other revenue is brought to account as it is received.

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3 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	480	480
General Account	151,500	98,428
Fund managers cash account	269,977	252,545
RSL money account	491	7,262
Total Cash and cash equivalents	422,448	358,715

4 Non-trade debtors

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Non trade debtors	92,508 1	60,391
Total Non-trade debtors	92,508	160,391

5 Financial Assets

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Shares in listed companies	3,625,502	4,656,728
Units in managed funds - at cost	2,286,679	728,500
Cash on term deposit	1,960,247	1,960,247
Total Financial Assets	7,872,428	7,345,475

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	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Land and Buildings			
Rental Properties - Land			
1-3 19 The Parade North Haven at cost and as apportioned		500,000	500,000
David Campbell Parade North Haven at cost as apportioned		95,300	95,300
Lake St Laurieton at cost as apportioned		120,000	120,000
Nayla Avenue Patonga at cost as apportioned		4,897	4,897
Total Rental Properties - Land		720,197	720,197
Add: Increase to land value			
Add increase to land value on			
David Campbell Parade North Haven		235,700	235,700
Add increase to land value on Lake St Laurieton		200,000	200,000
Add increase to land value on Nayla Avenue Patonga at cost as apportioned		439,103	439,103
Total Add: Increase to land value		874,803	874,803
Buildings at Cost		1,423,167	1,423,167
Accumulated Depreciation of Buildings		(843,906)	(823,339)
Total Land and Buildings		2,174,261	2,194,828
Plant and Equipment			
Rental Properties - Buildings			
Beach Haven furniture and effects - at cost		6,751	6,751
Bondi Rd furniture and effects - at cost		26,284	26,284
Calwalla Haven furniture and effects - at cost		10,474	10,474
Furniture fittings and office machines - at cost		18,350	18,350
Laurieton furniture and effects		90,349	90,349
Patonga furniture and effects - at cost		51,174	51,174
Plant & Equipment		326,727	326,727
Total Rental Properties - Buildings		530,109	530,109

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	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Accumulated Depreciation of Rental properties - buildings			
Less Accumulated Depreciation Furniture and Fittings		(16,450)	(16,115)
Less accumulated depreciation on Beach Haven furniture and effects		(1,698)	(806)
Less accumulated depreciation on Bondi Rd furniture and effects		(5,319)	(1,619)
Less accumulated depreciation on Calwalla Haven furniture and effects		(2,839)	(1,492)
Less accumulated depreciation on Laurieton furniture and effects		(76,340)	(73,868)
Less accumulated depreciation on Patonga furniture and effects		(45,456)	(44,447)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment		(326,268)	(326,217)
Total Accumulated Depreciation of Rental properties - buildings		(474,370)	(464,564)
Total Plant and Equipment		55,739	65,545
Total Property Plant and Equipment		<u>2,230,000</u>	<u>2,260,373</u>

7 Rental Income**7.1 Rental properties - land**

Unit 2/50 Bondi Road Bondi	33,210	30,240
Less property expenses - Unit 2/50 Bondi Road Bondi	(10,059)	(12,636)
11 Lake Street Laurieton 63,628 62,180		
Less property expenses - 11 Lake Street Laurieton	(19,526)	(17,198)
13 David Campbell Parade North Haven	61,062	39,742
Less property expenses - 13 David Campbell Parade North Haven	(31,506)	(19,156)
19 The Parade North Haven	46,342	67,851
Less property expenses - 19 The Parade North Haven	(19,010)	(31,865)
Nayla Avenue Patonga	17,167	17,185
Less property expenses - Nayla Avenue Patonga	(10,362)	(13,183)
Total Rental Income	<u>130,947</u>	<u>123,160</u>

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	2025	2024
	\$	\$
8 Other creditors and accruals		
Other creditors and accruals	13,968	11,775
Total Other Creditors and accruals	13,968	11,775
Commitments at balance date are expected to be paid in full within 30 to 90 days. No assets are pledged as collateral for any borrowings.		
9 Cash flow statement information		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>422,448</u>	<u>358,715</u>
Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to deficit for the year		
Surplus/deficit for the year	<u>489,345</u>	<u>317,586</u>
Non-cash flows in (deficit)/surplus for the year		
Depreciation	30,373	52,212
Loss/(gain) on disposal of investments	(227,173)	(76,495)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in non-trade debtors	67,883	(111,311)
Decrease in GST receivable	(892)	1,112
Increase in other creditors and accruals	2193	775
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	<u>361,729</u>	<u>183,879</u>

10. Commitments for capital expenditure

There were no contractual commitments at 31 December 2024 or at 31 December 2025.

11. Contingent liability

The maximum amount of mortality payments that may become payable on the death of eligible members is \$40,000 (2025: \$40,000).

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

RESPONSIBLE PERSONS' DECLARATION

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

The Directors of the Company declare that:

1. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Sub-branch is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
2. The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of *the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of *the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013*.

Signed:

G. GOODIESON

President

Dated: 15 February 2026

Signed:

E. LINDSAY

Treasurer

Dated: 15 February 2026



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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE
DECLARATION UNDER
SECTION 60-40 OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES
AND NON-PROFITS**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief for the year ended 31 December 2025, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of *the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Wright

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Date:

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BONDI JUNCTION-WAVERLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL Sub-branch ("Sub Branch"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of the Sub Branch has been prepared in accordance the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Sub Branch's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - to the extent described in Note 1 of the financial report and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Regulations 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report*** section of our report. We are independent of the Sub Branch in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit

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of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the registered entity's financial report responsibilities under ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

The Committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Sub

Branch's financial report for the year ended 31 December 2025 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Committee Members for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Sub Branch is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee is responsible for assessing the Sub Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate the Sub Branch or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Wright

Partner

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Date:

SUB-BRANCH COMMITTEE Meeting Attendances 2025

Your committee held 11 monthly meetings, 4 General meetings, and the Annual General Meeting, making a total number of 16 meetings held in 2025.

	Meetings	Attendance	L of Absence
G. Goodieson	16	15	1
T. Nicoll	16	11	5
E. Lindsay	16	15	1
W. Harrigan	16	15	1
S. Welman	16	15	1
J. Kearney	16	14	2
D. Jeffrey	16	12	4
J. Metzl	16	10	6

SIGNIFICANT COMING EVENTS IN 2026 (TBC = to be confirmed)

15th March	-	1100 hours Quarterly MEETING.
15th March	-	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – following meeting.
29 th March	-	CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
3rd Apr – 6th Apr	-	EASTER HOLIDAYS.
25th April	-	ANZAC DAY
21st June	-	1100 hrs Quarterly MEETING.
15th August	-	VP DAY
18th August	-	BATTLE OF LONG TAN DAY SERVICE.
20th September	-	1100 hrs Quarterly MEETING.
24th October	-	UNITED NATIONS DAY.
11th November	-	REMEMBRANCE DAY.
20th December	-	1100HRS Christmas Quarterly MEETING.

Please Note:

The Eastern Metropolitan District Council of sub-Branches meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm at three selected venues, currently being the City of Sydney RSL Club, the Paddington RSL Club and the Juniors at Maroubra Junction Club.

The Sub-Branch Committee meets on the second Monday each month at 5.00pm. (TBC)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BONDI JUNCTION -WAVERLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH ON 16TH MARCH 2025 AT CLUB BONDI JUNCTION AT 12.10PM

OPENED: President G. Goodieson opened the Annual General Meeting at 12.10pm and again welcomed the members in attendance and called all members to stand and repeat the Oath of allegiance to the Returned and Services League of Australia. This was done by all present.

APOLOGIES: J. Metzl, T. Pratt, K. Benson, P. Richardson, M. Johnston, L. Dowell, L Stockley, R. Stockley, D. Benson, M. Mattick, T. Nicoll, J. Deane, P. Watson, D. McVean, V. Buchan.

Moved K. Hagan. Seconded A. McKinlay. Carried.

ATTENDANCE: As per sign on sheet. (9 Service; 5 Associate; 14 Affiliate; 6 Committee; 2 guest. Total: 36).

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous AGM (Annual General Meeting) held on the 17th of March 2024, were presented as printed in the Annual Report and tabled and it was moved, they be taken as read. President acknowledged they were forwarded by post to each eligible member.

Moved K. Hagan. Seconded E. Whitbourne. Carried and confirmed.

There being no business arising from those minutes it was moved and carried they be adopted.

REPORTS:

President: G. Goodieson

The President advised the members his report is as published in the Annual Report and asked it to be tabled and received as printed.

Secretary: W. Harrigan

The President asked the **Honorary Secretary Bill Harrigan** for his report.

The Honorary Secretary asked his report to be tabled as printed in the Annual Report.

Treasurer: E. Lindsay

The President asked the Honorary Treasurer: E. Lindsay to provide his report.

The Treasurer moved his report be taken as printed in the Annual Report and asked for its adoption.

The President then asked the sub-Branch Accountant and Auditor Ken Wright from Meagher Howard & Wright to provide his report to the members.

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- Ken Spoke about the sub-Branch's healthy financial position.
- A Special note: Report assets at cost – Market Value is \$400,000 more.
- Ken asked if there were any questions from members.

Reception of the reports Moved M. Buchan, Seconded K. Hagan. Carried.

Sport & Rec, Welfare, EMDC and Congress Reports were presented by the Office Bearers as printed in the Annual Report. It was moved they be accepted by E. Lindsay, Seconded J. Kearney and Carried.

Notices of Motion/ Special resolutions: Nil

The President asked the members to endorse the following positions for 2025:

Patrons: P. King. Moved K. Hagan, seconded J. Harrigan. Carried unopposed.

Welfare Officer: D. Jeffrey. Moved R. Deane, seconded E. Lindsay. Carried unopposed.

EMDC Delegates (2): G. Goodieson as Delegate and T. Nicoll. W. Harrigan as the Alternative Delegate. Moved E. Lindsay, seconded J. Kearney. Carried.

Lord Howe Island Delegate: G. Goodieson.

Norfolk Island sub-Branch Delegate: Maroubra RSL Sub-Branch.

State Congress Delegate: W. Harrigan as delegate and G. Goodieson as the alternative delegate.

Moved M. Buchan, seconded E. Lindsay. Carried Unopposed.

Sports and Recreation delegate: Troy Nicoll. Moved D. Jeffrey, seconded E. Lindsay. Carried unopposed.

The following positions were acknowledged to continue:

Flag Marshall: G. Goodieson.

Recruitment Officer: W. Harrigan.

Solicitor: Mark Bowen of Bowen Legal, Castlereagh Street Sydney to continue.

Trustees: W. Harrigan, D. Jeffrey and G. Goodieson.

Assistant/Minute Secretary: S. Welman

Life Members: W. Harrigan, V. Buchan, and K. Hagan.

Office Assistant: Lisa Cinicola.

Auditor: Ken Wright.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Nil.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.20pm.

Moved M. Buchan. Seconded K. Hagan.

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VALE LIFE MEMBERS

The following Life Members of our Sub-Branch have over the years passed from our ranks:

1950	M. FOX	1982	C. HOGAN
1952	W. PRICE	1983	F. H. McCarthy
1954	H. BLACKWOOD	1983	A. NOONAN
1955	J. ARMSTRONG	1984	R. T. WARD (B.E.M.)
1958	S. KNOWLES	1986	C. A. SAILER
1963	K. SPEARS	1989	C. E. VEREY
1963	T.J. COULSTON	1991	T. J. MCCAFFREY
1963	J. WHITE	1993	W.H. JOHNSON
1964	T. COLE	1993	B. F. DAVIS
1965	G. BAIN	1994	J. J. YOUNG
1967	F. STONE	1996	R. PENMAN
1969	H. COMMETTI	1997	R. FOX
1970	R.O. SPEARS	2005	I. DAVIES
1973	W. J. NIXON	2007	P. EVENIS
1973	A. THOMAS	2007	D. GILLETTE
1974	E. D. BENNETT	2010	N. WESTWOOD
1975	A. W. DAVIS	2016	M. DUNN
1975	E. BLOCKMAN		
1977	B. BLAKER		
1979	SOL BIBER		
1981	W. D. WOODLEY		
1981	E. TRACEY		
1982	B. B. HENNESSY		

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BILL HARRIGAN'S SERVICE TO THE SUB-BRANCH AND THE LEAGUE 1996 TO 2026.

I have had plenty of time to consider my retirement and it was not an easy decision. I decided not to stand for re-election as President of the Club and Secretary of the Sub-Branch now the new has Club opened.

Another reason other than my age, in NSW the sub-Branch elections are held every 3 years, the last one was in March 2023. When no one volunteered for the position in 2023, and I was the sub-Branch President at the time, and Mrs. Sue Welman was not seeking re-election, we found someone prepared to stand as our sub-Branch President. Fortunately for us, Greg Goodieson came forward and asked me to remain and fill the vacant Honorary Secretary position until he settled in. Once again, all of the positions in 2023 were unopposed.

Since being elected, Greg has done a sterling job not only as our sub-Branch President but as our important delegate to the Eastern Metropolitan District Council where almost immediately undertaking the role of its Treasurer. While undertaking these important voluntary positions, including alternate delegate to the 2025 Annual State Congress in Tamworth, he is still working, being self-employed, and at the has had to deal with some family health problems.

HISTORY – here is a brief summary of those 30 years.

Prior to becoming your Secretary in February 1996, I had served almost 38 years in Law Enforcement, as a Railway Detective 1959-78, a Senior Narcotics Investigator with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics 1978-80 and as Detective Sergeant progressing to the rank of Detective Superintendent with the Australian Federal police. I retired on my return from Cyprus, where I served with the United Nations, finishing in charge of the 45-46th AFP Contingents to the Island and retiring on 2nd February 1996.

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I joined the Bondi Junction Waverley RSL sub-Branch and Club in 1987, soon after moving to Bronte in December 1986.

The sub-Branch held its AGM and elections in 1996 and were unable to find a Secretary due to the previous Secretary only holding office for one year and moving on to the Club Board.

They had to hold an election from the floor and someone nominated me, there being no other nominations, I said I would take on the position until they found someone to take over from me.

They called it "pro tem".

When I was being introduced to my position by the President I was informed it was a paid position requiring about ten hours each week in the office, due to a membership base at the time of about 930 members. They also held a lot of property on the North Coast which was being rented to members as holiday units.

There were no applications for the position when it became vacant in 1997. I was enjoying the challenge and decided to again stand for office and continued to do so, almost unopposed for the next 30 years. I relinquished the paid position in 2006 as we had a paid office assistant looking after the accounts and the membership base. In 2008, Lisa Cinicola, who worked in the club office, took over as our part time office assistant and has worked with me in the sub-Branch since then. In 2017, I stood for President when Mrs. Sue Welman agreed to take on the position of Honorary Secretary unopposed. The Secretary's position is very demanding and over-regulated, and that may be the reason for the lack of interest.

I remained President of the sub-Branch until 2024 when I did not stand for re-election and returned to the position of Honorary Secretary unopposed. From 2020 until September 2024, the sub-Branch did not have an office as the Club was being developed, so we moved to a small office off Hollywood Avenue. This was a mammoth job for Sue, Lisa and myself, having to box memorabilia, library books, records, photo albums, and move furniture and fittings to the new office. When the Club re-opened in September 2024, we had to do it all again, moving back to our new offices on the first floor of the Club.



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As the Secretary, I was also required to become a delegate to the Eastern Metropolitan District Council of the 17 sub-Branches domiciled in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney. I started with Ron Flowers in 1997 and also became a delegate to Congress with the then President Tom Westwood, continuing on as Delegate until the 2025 Congress in Tamworth, where I announced my forthcoming retirement from all positions.

When I became your Honorary Secretary, I was fortunate to be mentored in my first couple of years by Tom Westwood, and former Secretary until 1994, David Wightman, along with several other WW2 Veterans who were dedicated to the sub-Branch and the League.

In 2001, the State Councillor for the Eastern Metropolitan District Council, a retired WW2 American serviceman Mark Doyen, passed away while holding office. It was usual in those days for the President to the EMDC to move into the vacant position. The position was to represent the 17 sub-Branches and to be a State Councillor on the RSL State Branch. Tom McCaffrey was the President at the time but decided not to undertake the role. I received a telephone call to see if I was interested. I was elected unopposed to the position in 2002, and represented the EMDC until 2012. At this time there were about 26 State Councils in NSW and along with the President and Treasurer there were about 28 of us on the Board, meeting every second month at ANZAC House. In 2012, the State Branch reduced the number of State Councillors to 14 and we no longer represented a District but became more of a Board of State Councillors. In 2017, I was re-elected for a period of another 3 years. However, this was during the time of the Bergin Enquiry and the advent of James Brown as a short-term President, who forced the 5 re-elected State Councillors to resign. I was the last to resign in mid 2017 and only because all the others had decided to resign and I was told by the President James Brown, we were not wanted. So it was pointless to remain on the Board.

During those 16 years as a State Councillor, I represented the State Branch at the National Congress on a number of occasions, each year in various capital Cities of Australia. I also served as the Acting Treasurer of the State Branch on two occasions. I was the Chair of the Life Membership Committee, also served on the Support and Assistance Fund, Remembrance Driveway; Gallipoli Scholarship and the Agenda Committees, over those years to name a few.

I represented the sub-Branch from 1996 at meetings each year with the other District sub-Branches, being Bronte and the Eastern Suburbs Legion, with Waverley Council, to organise our commemorative activities until 2025. For many years I performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies at each ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Commemorative Services until 2025. Also, over the past 25 years I have been an active representative, often up to 3 times each year attending the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Commemorative Services. In addition, I am a member of the Korean War Memorial Committee and regularly attend and assist with their annual service.

For my services to the League, I received the award of Life Membership in 2008 and at the NSW RSL State Congress in Newcastle in 2024, I received the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor of New South Wales. This is the highest award given for services to the League and it meant so much to me, as my mentor and our former President Tom Westwood, also received this Award

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back in 1998 and we are the only two from our sub-Branch to receive this most prestigious Award.

While all of this was taking place, I continued to work in the sub-Branch office for about 8 hours voluntary service each week, along with Lisa, who does a remarkable job in our Office.

Over the years I have met so many dedicated people devoted to serving the Returned and Services League of Australia. Many are long gone but I have some great memories of WW2, Korean and Vietnam Veterans who were members of the sub-Branch, the District Council and the State Branch.

I commenced my service when the great Rusty Priest was the State President of the RSL back in 1996, followed by Keith Hall then Don Rowe. Then things changed but the RSL brand continues and will continue to do so.

I have enjoyed my service to the League and to the Community over the past 30 years. I am looking back to the day I retired from the Australian Federal Police, realising the 30 years have provided my family and I to some extent, a very active and rewarding life, for which I will be forever grateful.



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