

PRESIDENT'S PEN



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COMPANY B - SETS THE TONE PRESIDENT BATKIN

“ RSL - Change & new directions assured ”



RSL NSW Cumberland's Presidents' hand over Dinner, held on Saturday July 22, was a grand occasion greatly enjoyed by all.

The heritage ballroom of the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, home of the the Masonic RSL sub-Branch, was the perfect setting for an evening of formal attire, eloquent speeches, excellent food and beverage and great entertainment.

Central to the evening was the handover of the presidency of Cumberland RSL sub-Branch from Greg Read SC to new President, James Batkin. James indicated that Greg had left him big shoes to fill but the new president believed he was up to the task and he looked forward to the challenges ahead with change and new direction assured with new incoming CEO and Board for 2024.

Achievement awards were made to several Cumberland members and acknowledgement was given to a long list of individuals and organisations

that generously continue their support of the Cumberland sub-Branch.

Another highlight of the night was a symbolic 'handing over the cheque' for \$1 million from Cumberland to RSL NSW. This was the first instalment of Cumberland's support for the the implementation of the RSL NSW Strategic Plan, a road-map for the revitalisation of the RSL.

Taken completely by surprise, the President of RSL NSW, Mr Ray James, was presented with the prestigious "Tingira Stonehaven Medal" by the President of the Tingira Association, Dr Brad Murphy OAM.

Ray joined the Navy as a Junior Recruit 'Tingira Boy' at 15 years of age and he has given a lifetime of service to the welfare of veterans and their families.

The entertainment by *Company B*, singers and a ten-piece band, was outstanding. A grand night was had by all.



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First day at the desk, Monday meeting with NSW Police Superintendent Commander Simon Glasser, the new OIC Auburn Police Command.

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Full Stream Ahead...

At the recent President's hand-over dinner, I was honoured to officially take up the reins of RSL NSW Cumberland.

It is a time of great challenges ahead and I am proud to lead the sub-Branch that is already leading change both in our sub-Branch and in the wider world of the RSL community. I urge all members to get involved whenever possible with our up-coming activities in the events program.

I am also pleased that by the time you read this column our new website will be up and running, probably not 100% but it has been a 'work in progress' and will soon be the backbone and face of Cumberland.

Enjoy the website, feedback welcome to the Secretary.

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James Batkin

JAMES BATKIN
 President
 RSL NSW Cumberland

VISION PLAN BELIEVE ACT

'One RSL - working together, delivering locally'



The ROUSE Vice President - RON INGLIS

FUNDING THE CHARITABLE PURPOSE

At our recent July general meeting, all members received a copy of the recently released RSL NSW policy document, SOP1 - FUNDING THE CHARITABLE PURPOSE, that sets out the new procedures for sub-branches to follow when giving donations to charitable initiatives.

Initially the document is confronting.

Fourteen pages of legal definitions, explanatory notes, governing principles, new procedures! Enough to make your head spin but relax. It is all quite simple. Here are the basics.

- **From now on, all donations a sub-Branch may wish to make must first be submitted to the District Presidents' Council.**
- **If approved, the funds are deposited in the Veterans Support Fund (VSF) and distributed from there.**

These changes are necessary because some sub-Branches, including our own, have made donations that are contrary to the governance

standards set by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

Rule Number 1: Every charity must be not-for-profit and must stick to its charitable purpose, in our case, veterans and their families. Why? Because if you raise money for veterans and then spend it on something else, no matter how worthy that something else may be, you are deceiving the public and bringing your charity into disrepute.

Rule Number 2: Every charity must comply with Australian laws and ensure that any donation is transparent and that conflicts of interest have been identified and managed.

Rule Number 3: Responsible people in a charity have a duty to act with standards of integrity and common sense.

The new system for donations from sub-Branches will enable RSL NSW to maintain high standards of governance across sub-Branches.

The Veterans Support Fund initiatives and targets will be published and this will be valuable information for sub-Branches preparing their budgets. The VSF will also provide funds for immediate emergency relief



“ A welcome change is coming... Thinking outside the square ”

Around The Tables ...



Big \$ Handover...

Cumberland President James Batkin (Left) makes his first big commitment to RSL NSW when he and past President Greg Read handed over the first payment to RSL NSW President Ray James, the big \$1,000,000 cheque at the recent Presidents' hand-over dinner.

... Ladies In The Swing

Cumberland Presidents' hand-over dinner was a night of fun and entertainment for all. The ladies on table six showed us all how to have a good time with the music of Company B singers.



Appreciation Award ...

Cumberland immediate past President Greg Read performs one of his final duties, presenting Chris Hurley with his Cumberland appreciation award

... Passing the hammer ...

Cumberland President James Batkin takes the Cumberland 'Hamer and Block' from immediate past President Greg Read.



Tingira Stonehaven Medal ...

Former RAN Junior Recruit, Ray James and his wife Pauline were together presented with their Stonehaven Shield by Tingira Australia President Dr. Brad Murphy.



Good Times...

Cumberland councillor Glenn Elmore, Kaye and John Munce, Chairman of Dooleys Catholic Club, enjoy the Presidents' hand-over dinner.

NEXT MEETING COMMITTEE

Monthly Status
Tuesday 22 August 6pm
Dooleys, Lidcombe

NEXT MEETING MEMBERS

Bi - Monthly Status
Tuesday 19 September 4.30 pm
Dooleys, Lidcombe

NEXT MEETING AUXILIARY

Planning Meeting
Wednesday 23 August 12 pm
Dooleys, Regents Park



SEPTEMBER CUMBERLAND DAY TOUR

ANZAC MEMORIAL

HYDE PARK - SYDNEY



TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

0900	Depart Auburn Tennis Club
1000	Anzac Memorial - Sydney View - RAN exhibition - Navy 100 years
1100	Anzac Memorial Commemoration Service
1230	Tingira Memorial - Rose Bay Commemoration Service
1300	Rose Bay RSL Military Collection - Club Rose Bay
1600	Arrive Auburn Tennis Club

RSVP - Cumberland Secretary - 5pm Friday 1 September

Cost - \$25 per person include bus and refreshments
Payment to RSL NSW Westpac Account - add name!
BSB - 032 070 Acct - 649 434



CUMBERLAND

**SYDNEY CENOTAPH
MARTIN PLACE, SYDNEY**

Victory in the Pacific Day
11am - Tuesday 15 August

Vietnam Veterans Day
11am - Friday 18 August

**KOKODA TRACK
MEMORIAL WALKWAY
KILLOOLA ST, CONCORD**

Victory in the Pacific Day
2pm - Tuesday 15 August

CRYSTAL PALACE
219 Canley Vale Rd, Canley Heights

Vietnam Veterans Dinner
7pm Friday 11 August.

*RSVP - Cumberland Secretary
by 5pm Friday 4 August*

CABRA-VALE PARK
151 Railway Parade, Cabramatta

Vietnam Veterans Commemoration
10.30am - Saturday 19 August.

BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB
8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown

Vietnam Veterans Day
10.30am - Friday 18 August

*RSVP - Cumberland Secretary
by 5pm Friday 11 August.*

*Transport
Auburn Tennis Club at 9.30am*



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