

Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch)

## **MAGNETIC ISLAND RSL SUB-BRANCH INC.**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**10am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012,**

**Held at 31 Hayles Avenue Arcadia**

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1. The meeting was opened at 10.05am.
2. The Ode was read by President Dave Dawson. Silent tributes were paid to Life Member Steve Coleman and Member Juan Halliwell.
3. Welcome  
The President welcomed all members and visitors, then introduced and welcomed guests, District Vice President Steve Sergeant and District Secretary Shelley Andrews. The President stressed appreciation of attendance to keep the Sub-Branch viable and explained that the meeting will make important decisions about the future of Sub-Branch with voting on new Constitution.
4. Attendance  
Present: Chris Evans, Jim Davis, Bette Davis, Lyn Evans, Pat Trewin, Dave Dawson, Liz Roesler, Jennifer Safe, John Becker, David Pierce, Anton Prinsloo, Pam Barlow, Geoff Barlow, Colin Fulford, Jan Tester, Bruce Gibson-Wilde, Alastair Cole. Guests: Steve Sergeant, Shelley Andrews.  
Apologies were received from Rolf Petherbridge, Phil Stephenson, Rory & Carrie Kelliher, Bill Perry, Steve Jenkins, Janet Spargo, Peter Safe, Peter Chapman, Matthew Evans.  
**MOTION:** That apologies be accepted.  
**MOVED:** Pam Barlow                   **SECONDED:** Jim Davis                   **CARRIED**
5. Previous Minutes & Business Arising  
Pat Trewin read the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 15 and 29 May 2011.  
**MOTION:** That the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.  
**MOVED:** Geoff Barlow                   **SECONDED:** John Becker                   **CARRIED**  
There was no business arising from the previous minutes.
6. President's Report  
Dave Dawson presented the President's Report (attached).  
**MOTION:** That the President's Report be accepted.  
**MOVED:** Pat Trewin                   **SECONDED:** Chris Evans                   **CARRIED**
7. Treasurer's Report  
Liz Roesler presented the Annual Financial Statement and highlighted the following:
  - A loss of \$4411 was incurred in 2011, largely due to \$16,319 depreciation on new kitchen equipment.
  - Bar takings were down by 21% on the previous year.
  - Wages were down by 19%.
  - The expenditure on assets consisted of:
    - Kitchen \$34,919
    - Games Night equipment (from DVA grant) and new stove \$8,781

- Welfare Donations \$1,029
- Community Donations \$970
- Current balance is \$17,004.

**MOTION:** That the Treasurer's Report and Annual Financial Statement be accepted.

**MOVED:** Geoff Barlow      **SECONDED:** Dave Dawson      **CARRIED**

8. Fulfillment of RSL Objects

Dave Dawson read the Objectives of Magnetic Island RSL Sub-Branch from the current Constitution.

Welfare Report. Welfare Officer Geoff Barlow presented the Welfare Report (attached).

**MOTION:** That the Welfare Report be accepted.

**MOVED:** Geoff Barlow      **SECONDED:** David Pierce      **CARRIED**

9. Other Reports

Membership Report. Membership Officer Chris Evans presented the Membership Report (attached).

**MOTION:** That the Membership Report be accepted.

**MOVED:** Geoff Barlow      **SECONDED:** David Pierce      **CARRIED**

Citizen's Auxiliary Report. CA President Jan Tester presented the Citizens Auxiliary Report (attached).

**MOTION:** That the Citizens Auxiliary Report be accepted.

**MOVED:** Pat Trewin      **SECONDED:** Dave Dawson      **CARRIED**

Jim Davis commended the CA for their contribution to the finances of the Sub-Branch.

10. Notices of Motion

Pat Trewin read the Notices of Motion and the rationale for each, as previously circulated to members.

**MOTION 1:** That the proposed Constitution for Magnetic Island RSL Sub-Branch be accepted in toto.

**MOVED:** Committee      **SECONDED:** Committee      **CARRIED**

**MOTION 2:** That, at the AGM of Magnetic Island RSL Sub-Branch on 11 March 2012, and any adjournments of that meeting, a maximum of two CA members (to be known as Social Members) may be elected to the Committee (to be known as the Board).

Jim Davis queried the correctness of the 'Committee' moving and seconding motions. The meeting agreed that individuals could second the motion from the floor as it did not alter the intent of the motions.

**MOVED:** Committee      **SECONDED:** Geoff Barlow

Jim Davis pointed out that 'CA' and 'Social Members' are not the same thing. After discussion it was agreed that the intent of the motion was to allow up to two non-Service Members on the Board. The meeting agreed to discuss the issue further after the Notices of Motion. The motion was put and was **CARRIED**.

**MOTION 3:** That, at the AGM of Magnetic Island RSL Sub-Branch on 11 March 2012, and any adjournments of that meeting, financial CA members (to be known as Social Members) in attendance are eligible to vote for any CA members who are nominated for positions on the Committee (to be known as the Board).

**MOVED:** Committee      **SECONDED:** Geoff Barlow      **CARRIED**

11. Motion from the Floor

**MOTION:** That financial members of the Magnetic Island RSL Citizens Auxiliary be granted social membership of the Magnetic Island Sub-Branch and that the application form for membership of

the Citizens Auxiliary be approved for the dual purpose of an application form for social membership of the Sub-Branch.

**MOVED:** Jim Davis                      **SECONDED:** David Pierce

After considerable discussion by members, the District Vice President pointed out that all RSL members belong to Sub-Branches, not to District or State. The CA needs to be separate and CA members can have dual membership, being Social Members for Tax Concession purposes and CA members in order to be able to take over the Sub-Branch if it folds.

Jim Davis foreshadowed moving of a By-Law to clarify the relationship between the CA and Social Members.

The motion was put and was **CARRIED**.

12. Election of Office Bearers

President Dave Dawson declared all positions vacant and invited District Vice President Steve Sergeant to conduct elections.

President: One written nomination for Pat Trewin, nominated by Dave Dawson, seconded by Chris Evans. There being no other nominations,

Pat Trewin was declared **ELECTED**.

Vice President: There being no written nominations for Vice President, nominations were called for from the floor. There were no nominations.

The position was declared **VACANT**.

Secretary: One written nomination for Anton Prinsloo, nominated by Pat Trewin, seconded by Chris Evans. There being no other valid nominations,

Anton Prinsloo was declared **ELECTED**.

Treasurer: One written nomination for Dave Dawson, nominated by Pat Trewin, seconded by Liz Roesler. There being no other nominations,

Dave Dawson was declared **ELECTED**.

Membership Officer: One written nomination for Chris Evans, nominated by Pat Trewin, seconded by Anton Prinsloo. There being no other nominations,

Chris Evans was declared **ELECTED**.

Welfare Officer: One written nomination for Geoff Barlow, nominated by Pat Trewin, seconded by Anton Prinsloo. There being no other nominations,

Geoff Barlow was declared **ELECTED**.

Pat Trewin addressed the meeting as newly-elected President and stressed that welfare and community support forms the essence of the RSL. Maintenance of the administrative system and facilities are vitally important in order to provide this service. Pat noted that a lot of planning and work was to be done and that the CA is vital to the success of the Sub-Branch. She stressed that the Sub-Branch is responsible for raising its own funding and that it is essential for success and growth that the community supports the Sub-Branch in its endeavours.

13. Endorsement of Welfare Officers

**MOTION:** That Geoff Barlow and Trevor Mullins be formally appointed as Welfare Officers for Magnetic Island RSL Sub-Branch.

**MOVED:** Jim Davis                      **SECONDED:** Dave Dawson      **CARRIED**

Appointment of Delegates

**MOTION:** That Jim Davis be formally appointed as Delegate and Geoff Barlow as Alternate Delegate for Magnetic Island RSL Sub-Branch

**MOVED:** Jim Davis                      **SECONDED:** Bette Davis      **CARRIED**

Appointment of Auditor

**MOTION:** That Ray Syrett be formally appointed as Auditor for Magnetic Island RSL Sub-Branch

**MOVED:** Pat Trewin

**SECONDED:** Geoff Barlow

**CARRIED**

14. General Business

- Geoff Barlow recommended that a new flagpole be sourced, funded through a DVA grant; to be discussed at Board Meeting.
- Jim Davis recommended support for the newly-formed Men's Shed initiative. Pat Trewin explained RSL member Al Jacob is chair of the Steering Committee and that the Sub-Branch has already donated \$250 which will be used to fund their first year's insurance.
- Pat Trewin confirmed that the Sub-Branch had also supported Magnetic Island State School with a donation of \$200 as a bursary for its graduating students.
- The meeting discussed the need to publicise such donations and the support the RSL provides to the community. This would also potentially increase support for the RSL. District Secretary Shelley Andrews offered to engage the publicity systems of Townsville RSL. It was agreed that more publicity would remove or combat much of the negativity in the community. Pat noted that positive publicity was vital and was one of the responsibilities of the Vice President, a position which is currently vacant.
- Following recent rain and a leak in the roof, Geoff Barlow noted that quotes had previously been sourced for roof repairs but had not been progressed. He commented that Community and Veterans grants might be considered to source funding. The floor questioned whether the hall as still classified as a cyclone refuge. It was confirmed that it was not although it had been classed as a post-evacuation centre and has been used as such before. It was noted that this could be used to as leverage to source funding.
- Pat Trewin noted that it was proposed to hold General Meetings every 6 months in order to provide more opportunities for members to participate in the running of the Sub-Branch.
- Pat Trewin announced a presentation to Bette Davis (nee Bernhagen) for her service in the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service. District Vice President Steve Sergeant presented the Australian Defence Medal to Bette.
- David Pierce spoke to an initiative by the Army History Unit which involves collecting oral history from local residents about their Service experiences. He requested contributions up before the project concludes on 30 June 2012. Pat Trewin requested that the information also be made available to the Magnetic Island History and Craft Centre as a component of their oral history collection.
- District Vice President Steve Sergeant addressed the meeting and noted the following:
  - TCC status was needed so as to retain the benefits afforded to a non-profit organization.
  - New Workplace Health and Safety regulations recently came into force and needed to be reviewed to consider how these were to be applied to the RSL and its volunteers.
  - The District Congress is to be held at Longreach on 14 April; observers are welcome but will need to meet their own costs, including the Congress dinner at \$45 per person.
  - Steve Sergeant confirmed that District was happy with the way in which the Magnetic Island Sub-Branch is being conducted and District Secretary Shelley Andrews also iterated her congratulations and support.

15. The meeting closed at 11.45am.

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President

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Secretary

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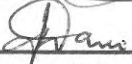
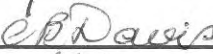
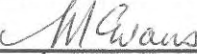




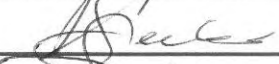




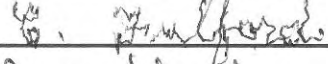


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### ATTENDANCE SHEET

<u>NAME (Please Print)</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>	<u>SERVICE MEMBER OR CA MEMBER</u>
CHRIS EVANS		SERVICE
JIM DAVIS		SERVICE
BETTEDAVIS		SERVICE
LYN EVANS		C/A
PAT TRELWIN		SERVICE
DAVE DAWSON		SERVICE
LIZ ROESLER		C/A
JENNIFER SAFE		C/A
John BECKER		Service
David PIERCE		Service
ANTON PRINCO		SERVICE
Tom Barragof		SERVICE
GEOFF BARLOW		Service
		SERVICE
Jan Testu	JAN TESTER	CA
BRUCE GIBSON-WILDE	T. Gibson-Wilde	SERVICE
Morton COLE		Service

## Presidents Report MI RSL:

2011 – 12 has been an eventful year for MI RSL. It started with an almost completely new committee voted in at the last AGM. The new committee (with help from our two old hands) set about continuing the MI RSL tradition and improving the MI RSL assets and operations.

I would like to note a couple of the main points:

- A new kitchen contract supplying quality affordable meals for Friday markets, Sunday Roast and other RSL functions.
- Regular meetings with market stall holders and the introduction of a stall holders agreement.
- Maintenance to the Memorial Hall, including new airconditioners, new stove for the kitchen, floor resurfacing, and other regular work such as painting, new locks, re-wiring etc.
- Updated Web site & regular newsletter.
- Introduction of a games night.
- Commemorative functions, such as 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Remembrance day and of course upcoming Anzac Day.

None of this is possible without the support of our tireless volunteers. I would like to thank all the volunteers for selflessly giving up vast amounts of time and energy to make the RSL community what it is today. I also have to single out a few individuals for special thanks.

- David Pearce jumped in as president last AGM and did such a great job of getting the committee on the right track. Unfortunately he had to resign for personal reasons, but we would love to have him back with his energy & enthusiasm whenever he can find the time.
- Jenny Safe for the great work she is doing in the kitchen, the meals and service are superb.
- Karen & Liam for keeping the bar (and markets) running smoothly.
- Jim for his work as delegate and especially helping us through the complex process of the new constitution.
- Jan and all her crew in the CA that turn up week after week running the raffle and always being to help when needed.
- Chris for battling through membership dramas and doing such a great job of recruiting and processing our members, all while battling health problems.
- Marty for the great job painting in the entry and helping whenever called on.
- Anton for being our geek guru looking after IT, being webmaster and newsletter editor.
- Geoff for holding up the welfare side of MI RSL, pretty much single handed.
- Pat for the enormous amount of time and effort she has put in to secretary duties, as well as covering most president responsibilities while I'm away with the RAAF. Her attention to detail ensures everything is absolutely correct and nothing is left to chance.
- The backbone of MI RSL for a long while now has been treasurer and office manager Liz. During the transition for the new committee she has helped with the wealth of corporate knowledge and we as a committee have leaned on her experience and professionalism almost exclusively. Office manager is a paid position but Liz has put in many extra hours in her role as treasurer and was instrumental in setting up and running the games nights. Her dedication and ability to source money from grants has been key to making most of the improvement possible. Unfortunately for the RSL Liz is planning to move on from the office manager and treasurer position. She will be sorely missed and will leave big shoes for someone else to fill. We all wish Liz the best for the future and trust she will remain part of the MI RSL family. Thanks LIZ.

WELFARE REPORT

AGM 11 MAR 2012

*I attended the TIP training course held at the Allen Hotel early last year and was subsequently appointed a Welfare Office for the Magnetic Island RSL Sub-Branch shortly thereafter. I was to assist Trevor Mullins, the other Welfare Officer.*

*During 2011 I attended ESAC meetings as a representative of the Sub-Branch and a NQ District Committee meeting.*

*In 2011 Trevor did most of the hands on welfare work. It wasn't until Trevor moved to Townsville that I really took on the role of welfare officer.*

*On 13 February 2012, I represented the sub-branch at the Welfare Conference held at the Townsville RSL and on 12<sup>th</sup> February the ESAC meeting held at Dept. Veterans Affairs Townsville.*

*Since the beginning of the year, I have assisted four members with welfare related issues, including one member with pension issues. I am constantly in communication with the VVAA and RSL Pension advocates at Quinn's Post Townsville RSL as I am not yet qualified in the pensions arena. I have also conducted hospital visitations in Townsville when required.*

*I would like to report that WELFARE is operating smoothly and as the workload increases, Trevor Mullins has offered to assist, particularly when it comes to veterans that are hospitalised in Townsville.*

*I take this opportunity to thank Trevor for his offer of assistance and also to thank him for his generous donation of the new laptop computer.*

*Geoff Barlow*

**Welfare Officer**

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## MAGNETIC ISLAND RSL SUB-BRANCH

### MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

11 March 2012

#### Membership:

2011-2012 has been a very rewarding year with regard to membership recruiting.

Our current financial membership numbers are:

- **Service Members** 40
- **Life Members** 3
- **Life Subscribers** 2
- **Service Associate Members** 2

Since our last Annual General Meeting, the Sub Branch has recruited **14** new Service Members.

- Our **Citizens' Auxiliary** Membership currently stands at **88** with the Sub Branch having recruited **71** new members since the previous AGM.

*Chris Evans*

Membership Officer

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8.3.12

Citizens Auxiliary Report to RSL AGM 11.3.12

From the last AGM until January just gone we have conducted MONSTER raffles with 5 prizes to be won each night, the prizes have been donated by the various business houses on the Island. The RSL donated \$30 of scratchies each week. These Raffles have been very popular, the nett income from these raffles is \$8351.

February/March have been very quiet and we have conducted no raffles, we will review the situation after Easter.

We lost Peter Laing Smith, he has left the Island. he was a willing worker at the raffles, we will miss him.

55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Function - this was held in June, and was a great success, finger Food was provided by Jenny safe and was well received.

Australia Day Roast Dinner was again a great success with over 50 meals served, and the bar did well too. This event was advertised by mail drop, which got the message To a lot of local people, also they were made aware that this type of dinner is available On Sunday nights.

} Jenny only

Gen Meeting 28/3  
AGM 6/5