

Nominee Name Desmond Callaghan OAM BJ JP
Sub-Branch Broadford
Region 9



RSL Service History

Sub-Branch

1978 Joined RSL Broadford Sub Branch
 Executive Positions held
 1981-1982, 1998 Sub Branch President
 1983-1988 Secretary
 2001-2011 Secretary
 1992- 1994 Treasurer
 Served on all Sub Committees
 2000 Awarded Life Member of the RSL
 2011 Awarded Meritorious Medal of the RSL
 2012-Current Sub-Branch Delegate (Region (9))

State Branch/State Executive

2016 Elected to State Executive
 2016-2018 Veterans Affairs, Welfare & Aged Care Coordinating Committee
 2016-2017 Mufti Committee
 2016-Current ANZAC of the Year Award Committee
 2016- Current State Awards Committee
 2016-Current State Executive Delegate for Region 8b & 9
 2017-Current The RSL Victorian Branch Risk. Audit and Governance Committee
 2018-Current Elected State Vice President
 2019-Current Chair Future Assistance Fund Committee
 2019 Awarded Certificate in Governance for Not-for-Profits
 2021-Current Property and Legal Committee
 2021-Current Chair Management Advisory Group

Regional Committee

2016-2018 Regions 8A & 8C
 2016-Current Regions 8B & 9

Other voluntary service history

1978- Current	RSL Sub-Branch - Broadford
1981- 2020	Board Member Nexus Primary Health – Broadford
1985 -1994	St Patrick's Primary School Kilmore Assumption College - Kilmore
1986-1992	Hume 111 Little Athletics
1986-Current	Seymour Legacy Group - Seymour
1990-Current	Hon. Bail Justice
1991-2000	The Kilmore and District Hospital
1998-Current	Justice of the Peace
2008-2016	Central Ward Councillor Mitchell Shire Council

Work Experience (Service and/or Civilian)

Service

1968	National Service, discharged 1970 - Served with 104 Sigs Squadron Vietnam 1969-70.
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Civilian

1970-72	Employment Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, (Maintenance Dept)
1973-81	Electrical Contracting Seymour
1981-2008	Maintenance Engineer Seymour District Memorial Hospital
2008	Retired

Service and/or Civilian Qualification

Electrician

Awards

1987	Royal Australian Corps of Transport Museum Puckapunyal
1992	Certificate of Appreciation presented in grateful recognition of assistance and support provided to the Museum.
1992	Certificate of appreciation Broadford Police and Citizens Charity Golf Day
1998	Recipient of the - Broadford/Kilmore Rotary Club Community Service Award
1998	Certificate of Appreciation - Memorial Wall Appeal -Kilmore
1999	Mitchell Shire Council Australia Day Community Service Award
2000	Nominated Life Membership RSL Broadford Sub Branch & Awarded in November
2001	From Department of Human Services - Regional Director Hume Region
2001	From National Health and Medical Research Council -Health Volunteer Awards - Community Service.
2001	From Attorney-General for para- legal roles in Victoria.

Awards Contin.

2001	From Prime Minister Hon John Howard MP, Federal Member Fran Bailey and Minister for Veterans' Affairs Hon Bruce Scott MP an expression of thanks from a grateful nation for contributing to Australia's effort in the Vietnam War.
2002	Community Champion Award - from Terrie Seymour (CEO Mitchell Community Health
2005	Citizen of the Year - Mitchell Shire
2006	Mitchell Community Health- Certificate for Outstanding Service, 1981 continuing In recognition and sincere appreciation of exemplary service, leadership and support.
	Desmond A Callaghan JP Meeting Room - named in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to Mitchell Community Health Services
2008	Regional Achievement and Community Awards
2008	V/Line Volunteering Award - Certificate of Achievement Awarded
2011	R&SL Australia - Meritorious Service Medal awarded and presented 09.11.2011
2014	OAM
2020	RSL Victoria Australia Day Certificate of Achievement
2020	Life Member Nexus Primary Health

Medals

Medal of the Order of Australia
Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 with clasp Vietnam
Vietnamese Campaign Medal
Australian Defence Medal
Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Statement of Suitability for appointment (max 400 words)

I have nominated and am seeking election for the State Senior Vice President's position. I was elected to the State Executive in 2016 and State Vice President in 2018 and have gained experience in many areas.

I have completed and awarded the Certificate in Governance for Not-for-Profits conducted by Governance Institute of Australia.

Since 2016 I have acted in good faith and always in the best interest of the RSL on all of the Committees I have been involved with. I have acted with care and diligence in the duties and responsibilities assigned to me in accordance with the Charter and the State Branch Rules.

I have represented the State President Dr Rob Webster OAM as requested, on many occasions at functions held Statewide. In 2020 I acted as the Senior Vice President for two months.

I have supported many Sub-Branches in Region 9, Regions 8A, 8B and 8C, in any way that is needed. I have made myself available to all members if assistance is required in all aspects of the work we do within the League.

My passion and dedication to work with the Veteran Community has been with me since I joined the League in 1978. If elected I will continue to represent RSL Victoria and your Sub-Branch to the best of my ability.