

AGENDA

110TH STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Name:	State Annual Conference
Date:	Saturday, 12 July 2025
Time:	9:00 am to 4:00 pm (AEST)
Location:	RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Committee Members:	Des Callaghan, Timothy Holden, Ange Kenos, John Beslee, Lindsay Guerin, Lynn Mizen, Mark Schröffel, Pela Markogiannakis, Peter Swandale
Attendees:	Sue Cattermole, Ben Webb, Clint Brewster, Jack Crawford, Rebecca Berg, Ronny Liew, Rob Loader

1. Delegate Registration

1.1 Delegate Registration 9:00 am (60 min)

Delegate Registration

2. State President Welcome

2.1 Acknowledgement of Country 10:00 am (1 min)

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Brett West, Acting Chair Victorian Veterans' Council, will acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we meet.

2.2 Silent Tribute, Ode and National Anthem 10:01 am (8 min)

Des Callaghan

The Chair will invite those present to join him in a silent tribute in memory of departed comrades. The Ode will be recited, followed by the Last Post and the National Anthem.

2.3 Welcome Words - State President 10:09 am (4 min)

Des Callaghan

3. Opening of the 110th State Annual Conference

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance 10:13 am (1 min)

Des Callaghan

The Chair will declare the opening of the RSL Victoria's Annual General Meeting (AGM) with the RSL Pledge of Allegiance, to be given by group recitation, led by the Chair:

"I (name of member) do hereby swear allegiance to the Commonwealth of Australia and its people and do hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Constitution of the Returned & Services League of Australia".

3.2 Message of Loyalty 10:14 am (1 min)

Des Callaghan

The Chair will move that the following Message of Loyalty be sent to our Patron, His Majesty the King, to be conveyed through Her Excellency the Governor of Victoria:

“We, the Delegates of the 110th Annual State Conference of the Victorian Branch of the Returned & Services League of Australia, assembled in Victoria tender to Your Majesty in warmest affection, our expressions of continued loyalty to the Throne and our hope that Your Majesty and family will be blessed with unbounded health and happiness, now and in the years ahead”.

3.3 Opening Speaker - Senator Raff Ciccone 10:15 am (15 min)

4. Main Speaker Address

4.1 Andrew Kefford, PSM, Deputy Secretary DVA 10:30 am (30 min)

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5. Annual General Meeting Commencement

5.1 Annual General Meeting Commencement 11:00 am (2 min)

Des Callaghan

Move to official proceedings.

5.2 Draft Minutes of the 109th RSL State Annual Conference 11:02 am (5 min)

Des Callaghan

The Chair will move that the draft Minutes of the 109th RSL Annual State Conference, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Supporting Documents:

5.2.a Minutes : 109th Annual Conference - 27 Jul 2024

5.3 Business Arising from the 109th State Annual Conference 11:07 am (10 min)

Des Callaghan

6. State President Report

6.1 State President's Report 11:17 am (10 min)

Des Callaghan

The President will make an address to the Annual Conference on the achievements and highlights of the State Branch in 2024.

6.2 Presentation of the 2024 Annual Report 11:27 am (5 min)

Des Callaghan

That the 2024 Annual Report, as circulated, be received and adopted.

7. State Branch Financial Report

7.1 Treasurer's Report

11:32 am (15 min)

Timothy Holden

The State Honorary Treasurer will give the Treasurer's Report for 2024 with supporting remarks from the Chief Financial Officer.

7.2 Response to questions on the financial statements

11:47 am (20 min)

Jack Crawford

Both on notice and from the floor.

7.3 Approval of the 2024 Financial Statements

12:07 pm (10 min)

Timothy Holden

Move the following motion:

That the 2024 Financial Statements, as circulated, be received and adopted. Voting to take place.

7.4 Branch Officer Honorariums

12:17 pm (10 min)

Rob Loader

The Chair will request State Executive Risk, Audit and Governance Sub-Committee Chair, Rob Loader, to temporarily assume the role of meeting Chair for this item who will then present a motion to the members on Branch Officer Honorariums.

The motion being: That the Annual Conference approves the payment of \$40,000 for honorariums for the 2024/25 sitting period to the following State Office Bearers:

- a. State President: \$19,000 (pro rata from July 2024 to May 2025 and May 2025 to June 2025)
- b. State Senior Vice President: \$7,000 (pro rata from July 2024 to May 2025)
- c. State Vice President: \$7,000 (pro rata from July 2024 to February 2025)
- d. State Honorary Treasurer: \$7,000

7.5 Possible suspension of standing orders

Des Callaghan

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8. CEO Report

8.1 Review of 2024 State Branch Operations

12:27 pm (15 min)

Sue Cattermole

The Chief Executive Officer will provide a review of 2024 State Branch Operations and update on the Strategic Priorities

9. RSL National Speaker

9.1 Speaker - Duncan Anderson, Deputy National President RSLA

12:42 pm (15 min)

10. Close of Annual General Meeting and 110th State Annual

Conference

10.1 Close of Annual General Meeting & 110th State Annual Conference

12:57 pm (3 min)

Des Callaghan

The Chair will declare the 110th State Annual Conference of the RSL Victorian Branch, its Annual General Meeting, closed.

11. Lunch & Networking

11.1 Lunch

1:00 pm (60 min)

The Chair will adjourn the meeting for a 60 minute lunch.

12. Governance Review & discussion

12.1 Report on the findings from the Operational, Governance & Structure Review

2:00 pm (30 min)

For Information

Andrew Whittaker, ThoughtPost to present.

12.2 New State President Address - Dr Mark Schröffel

2:30 pm (60 min)

Mark Schröffel

For Information

New State President, Dr. Mark Schröffel, to speak.

12.3 Open Forum

3:30 pm (20 min)

For Information

Peter Swandale - Firearms Symposium,

Marcus McEwen - Kokoda walk

13. Closing Proceedings

13.1 Closing Proceedings

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.