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CRONULLA SUB-BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT

2023
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Members,

And welcome back for another exciting and productive year for our subbranch.

As per normal, your committee has already been busy behind the scenes making sure we reach all our goals for this year. This would not be possible without the amazing support of our Office Manager Kristy Nichols. Our focus right now is ANZAC Day, including the many tasks that must be undertaken before and after for a successful commemorative service.

With the help of the club, we have streamlined important administrative tasks. Firstly, membership categories were reviewed and upgraded. Over the years, the multiple categories on file caused issues with renewals as well as tracking active memberships. I am pleased to advise we now have 6 categories instead of 14! But, just a reminder as subbranch members we can only purchase a one-year club membership. This allows us to keep track of all financial members for RSL NSW and SMDC.

Secondly, with the help of Natalie Hawkins the clubs 'Community Projects Manager,' donations of books in lieu for ANZAC Day can now be assessable via the Cronulla RSL Community Webpage. This will enable more people and local businesses to donate towards ANZAC Day. Natalie is also our new liaison officer for the local schools and community-based organisations. This has helped us re-connect with our local schools for ANZAC Day talks by our subbranch. On top of that Natalie has also helped us with the Advertising leading up to ANZAC and Kristy's right-hand man with all preparations. Thank you so much Natalie.

I do have some sad news...

Our amazing Cronulla RSL CEO, Sue McNeill will be leaving us in August to spend time with her family. As the President, I cannot thank Sue enough for all the support and guidance that she has given to not only the subbranch but also myself. We wish her all the best for her retirement and hope that we will see her and Rod at ANZAC Day soon.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Cronulla RSL's President John Brown and his board of directors for their unwavering support for the last 12 months. Our subbranch would not be able to provide the community the yearly commemorations such as ANZAC Day, Vietnam Veterans' Day, or Remembrance Day without the financial support the club gives us. Thank so much John and the board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Now for some exciting news!

Our Veterans 'Exercise Group' run by strength & conditioning coaching Ian Jagger at RepReady has been running for 63 weeks!!! Ian will assess you and create a program that will not only work on your fitness and but also build strength and confidence to take on any challenge. So, if you are interested in joining our little group? We train Friday mornings 7am at RepReady, 16/20 Meta St, Caringbah.

Another small achievement this last year for our subbranch was entering in the 'Trees of Hope' run by the club. This opportunity enabled our subbranch to be seen more in the community, a direction I hope we can build on over the next few years. The idea is, as a non-for-profit charity to decorate a Christmas tree in a theme that relates to your organisation. The club members then vote on whose tree is the best. Unfortunately, we did not win but received a donation from the club for our efforts that went directly into supporting our 'Veterans Exercise Group.' I just want to thank Kristy and all the committee members and their partners who helped decorate the tree.

You also probably have noticed that we have not had a memorabilia area in the club for quite some time, but this is about to change! A committee has been created and after ANZAC Day we will be designing the future memorabilia room to be situated in the 'Gerrale Room.' We will keep you all up to date either at our General Meetings, by our monthly newsletter or our new and coming website! Hopefully by the time you are reading this our new website has gone live!!!!

I am happy to report that we can still offer support with pensions through our new Pension Officer Gary Eggert from Engadine Subbranch. If you need help just contact Kristy and she will organise an appointment with Gary.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your support and guidance as your President this last year and look forward to many more.

Well, I hope to see you at a meeting soon or even at the club,

Cory Rinaldi
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to 2024. I can't believe another year has gone by.

Our membership currently stands at 229 and is an increase of 13 on 2023. A total of 19 new members have joined in the past year. New members have exceeded our natural attrition rate for the first time in many years and we hope this trend continues. Numbers at our monthly meetings have averaged 25. With the reintroduction of Night Chapter we are hopeful that our younger members still in the workforce will be able to join us at the night meetings.

We had a most successful ANZAC Day Service at Cronulla Park with very positive feedback from the general public. Sutherland Shire Council have agreed to construct a Commemorative Garden with flag pole sleeves at the southern edge of the park and Mayor Pesce is pushing for it to be complete before ANZAC Day 2024.

Our Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day services were well attended and these services will remain in Munro Park. The Animal War Day service in Cronulla Park also went well with special guest Manic.

Sue McNeill and the Board of the Memorial Club have continued to provide us with financial and management support over the year, for which we are very grateful. We wish Sue all the best for her upcoming retirement in August.

Plans are progressing for a dedicated Memorabilia Museum in the current Gerrale Room and it will be great to have our memorabilia on display again.

The Sub Branch office has undergone some much needed renovations, thanks to Graeme Levy. It is now a more efficient and pleasant workplace.

My thanks to our Office Manager, Mrs Kristy Nichols, without whose assistance we could not operate.

My thanks also to the Committee and members for your support.

Stay safe and kind regards.

Matt Coady
Honorary Secretary

SUB-BRANCH NOMINATIONS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch General Account

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue	2	39,567	34,498
Expenses			
Administration expenses	3(a)	50,380	34,175
Affiliation expenses	3(b)	438	211
Donations	3(c)	1,524	1,845
Member benefit expenses	3(d)	37,347	58,452
Total expenses		<u>89,689</u>	<u>94,684</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit)		(50,122)	(60,185)
Accumulated surplus at beginning of the year		<u>790,380</u>	<u>850,565</u>
Accumulated surplus at end of the year		<u><u>740,258</u></u>	<u><u>790,380</u></u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch General Account

Statement of Financial Position For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	34,069	105,253
Trade and other receivables	5	-	-
Financial assets	6	696,182	696,182
Other current assets	7	20,519	6,578
Total current assets		<u>750,770</u>	<u>808,014</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	-	-
Computer equipment	8	-	-
Total non-current assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>750,770</u>	<u>808,014</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	10,512	17,633
Total current liabilities		<u>10,512</u>	<u>17,633</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>10,512</u>	<u>17,633</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>740,258</u>	<u>790,381</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		<u>740,258</u>	<u>790,380</u>
Total Equity		<u>740,258</u>	<u>790,380</u>

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT DECLARATION & INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch General Account

**President's Declaration
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

On behalf of the Committee of Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch, I hereby declare that:

- (1) The financial statements for the year ended 31 December, 2023 give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the Sub-Branch with respect to fundraising appeals;
- (2) The Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Sub-Branch;
- (3) The Sub-Branch has complied with the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, the Regulations under the Act, and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority; and
- (4) Internal controls exercised by the Sub-Branch are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the Sub-Branch from fundraising appeals;
- (5) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



**Cory Rinaldi
- President**

Dated at Cronulla this 3rd day of March, 2024.

AUDIT CERTIFICATE

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Independent audit report

To the members of Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch General Account

Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch ("the Sub-Branch") General Account for the year ended 31 December, 2023. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and as described in the Notes to the Financial Statements, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Sub-Branch financial reporting requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act, 1991. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.


Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to the Financial Statements, included in the financial report. These policies do not require the application of Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to the Financial Statements included in the financial report, the financial position of Cronulla R.S.L. Sub-Branch General Account as at 31 December, 2023 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.


Business Partner Accountants
Chartered Accountants


Mark J Lennon

LAST POST

**MARIE
RICHARDSON
04/03/2023**

**DOUGLAS
MCPHERSON
21/04/2023**

**GEOFFREY
BLAKELEY
24/05/2023**

**NICK HILL
15/07/2023**

**REG TULIP
30/07/2023**

**ROBERT RITCHARD
06/09/2023**

**BRANSBY TWIVEY
15/10/2023**

Lest we forget

SUB-BRANCH OFFICERS 2023

**PRESIDENT
CORY RINALDI**

**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
ROSS EDWARDS**

**JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT
PAUL BATMAN**

**HONORARY SECRETARY
MATT COADY**

**TREASURER
JENNY WEIR**

**GENERAL COMMITTEE
PAUL ZAAT
TONY DI BETTA
GRAEME LEVY
VINCE PISTILLI
ANDREW HUMPHREY
GREG CRUMBLIN**

**SMDC DELEGATES
PAUL ZAAT
VINCE PISTILLI**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**THIS YEAR WE ARE PUBLISHING AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.
FULL COPIES OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE BEING HELD IN THE OFFICE.
INTERESTED MEMBERS SHOULD CONTACT THE SUB-BRANCH OFFICE.**

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ANZAC HOUSE	9264 8188
SAFE ZONE SUPPORT	1800 142 072
SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE	1300 659 467
ADF MENTAL HEALTH - 24 HOUR LINE	1800 628 036
DEFENCE MEMBER AND FAMILY HOTLINE	1800 624 608