

# **IPSWICH RAILWAY RSL SUB BRANCH**

## **2017 Annual Plan**

The following is an abridged version of the Ipswich Railway RSL Sub-branch Railway Annual Plan, highlighting “Our” mission and the objectives the Sub branch will aim to satisfy to meet to achieve that mission. While the Plan is designed to accord with the Mission, Vision Values, Goals and Objects of the RSL, it also includes some aspects unique to the both the Ipswich veteran community and the historical mores of the Ipswich Railway RSL Sub branch. The full plan is available to all members of the Sub branch.

### **Overview**

Ipswich Railway RSL Sub-branch Annual plan has been prepared to provide guidance for all members as to how we fulfil the “Role of the RSL”, to assist us to meet financial governance requirements for financing our welfare and community related activities, and carry out wider community service commitments which have been a feature of the Railway Sub-branch since its inception in 1935. To achieve this, we have identified a range of objectives which will form the basis of our 2017 Annual Plan. These objectives are at the core of our mission stated below.

### **Mission**

*The Ipswich Railway RSL Sub branch (Queensland Branch) Mission is to promote the interests and welfare of former and serving members of the Australian Defence Force, both within the Ex Service environment, and the wider Ipswich community. This Mission will be achieved by:*

- *Assisting and caring for the sick, elderly and needy;*
- *Preserving the memory and records of those who served, suffered and died for the Commonwealth of Australia;*
- *Encouraging members of the League and citizens to serve the Nation with a spirit of self sacrifice and loyalty; and*
- *Nurturing of the youth of Australia to ensure that the strength, vitality and security of our Nation is preserved and enhanced.*

### **Objectives**

The Ipswich Railway Sub-branch’s seven Objectives, designed to meet the above mission, are detailed in the Sub Branch Action Plan. These Objectives are not meant to be restrictive or exhaustive, but rather they are the core framework of our Sub-branch activities which ultimately assist us to successfully carry out the RSL’s primary role. Most of our objectives are focused on our welfare, commemorative and community related functions, however, all require varying degrees of financial support. Accordingly, fundraising and related governance requirements are also identified as objectives in their own right. All of these activities will be subject to review.

### **Ipswich Railway RSL Sub Branch Objectives.**

The following seven objectives are the framework on which we will base all Ipswich Railway RSL Sub-branch activities. Within each objective several activities have been identified that form the Action

Plan, detailing the Who, What, When, How and Cost of each activity undertaken to achieve the objective.

### **Objective 1.**

**WELFARE.** Provide for the sick, helpless, wounded, destitute, vulnerable and needy among those who have served in the ADF, and assist those left behind following the death of a veteran.

#### **Activities**

- Conduct visits and personal contact.
- Conduct funeral services.
- Provide funeral benefits.
- Address social isolation.
- Facilitate Welfare Officer training.

### **Objective 2.**

**ADVOCACY.** Support the Moreton District RSL Advocacy Office with the provision of DVA Advocacy Training and Development Program (ADPT) trained officers to give informed and up to date pensions and advocacy advice and, support to all veterans.

#### **Activities**

- Provide support for District Advocate Office

### **Objective 3.**

**SUPPORT CONTEMPORARY VETERANS.** Support and develop activities that assist in the health and wellbeing of veterans of recent conflicts and peace keeping duties and their dependants.

#### **Activities**

- Establish programs to support integration
- Develop appropriate programs to assist with integration
- Identify suitable communication and marketing techniques
- Identify peer to peer organisations to assist integration
- Support veterans and partners by assisting with identifying job opportunities
- Identify partner job organisations
- Identify suitable premises to conduct programs
- Develop and deliver suitable skill analysis and training
- Identify and develop suitable peer support group
- Encourage and support programs to provide female veterans with dependents with integration
- Identify suitable child care provision to compliment integration programs

### **Objective 4.**

**COMMEMORATIONS AND REMEMBRANCE.** Preserve the memory and records of those who died or suffered for Australia and protect the good name and preserve the interests and standing of members of the ADF.

### **Activities**

- Conduct formal commemorative events for Anzac Day, Vietnam Veterans Day, Remembrance Day, Reserve Forces Day and another significant commemoration that arises.
- Contribute to the enhancement of the Railway Workshops Honour stone.
- Assist community groups to acquire memorials.
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- Participate in events and commemorations specifically held to mark the Centenary of Anzac through the Joint Ipswich Region Centenary of Anzac Committee (JIRACC).
- Conduct schools visits.

### **Objective 5.**

**NURTURING YOUTH.** Encourage loyalty to Australia and secure patriotic service in the interests of Australia

### **Activities**

- Provide school bursaries.
- Support youth activities

### **Objective 6.**

**BEING A MEANINGFUL VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY.** Promote the values and role of the RSL in the broader community by engaging with federal, state and local representatives and community leaders and interest groups.

### **Activities**

- Engage with elected representatives
- Engage with local community leaders.
- Promote RSL to interest groups.
- Be active in the community
- Identify & support organisations caring for sick or elderly veterans

### **Objective 7**

**FUNDRAISING AND GOVERNANCE.** Provide effective and efficient management of RSL assets for the benefit of its members and serving members of the ADF

### **Activities**

- Meet Government Standards.
- Meet ACNC Standards.
- Administer Daily operations and equipment expenditure.
- Conduct Fund Raising activities by volunteers.
- Source regular income streams.
- Budget all Activities.