



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Minutes

Deputy Commissioners Consultative form – Tasmania
Meeting Minutes

13 November 2024

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Sally Dennington	Deputy Commissioner Tasmania
Kate Morris	a/g Executive Officer
Barry Quinn	RSL Tasmania
Kevin Evorall	Legacy Launceston
Melissa Foale	Women's Veteran Network Australia - Tasmania
Sandie Wilson	Mates4Mates

Apologies

Name	Organisation
	Hobart Legacy
David Waddle	Advocacy Training and Development Program
Jenny Robertson	RAAF-A
Ray Williams OAM	TPI Assn
Brian Ellis	NAA- A
Brian Harper	VVAA – Tas
Don Ryan	VRG
LTCOL Neil Grierson	Senior ADF Liaison Officer
Christine Fisher	PVA – Tas
Karelle Logan	DPAC

Meeting commenced at 1400

Business arising:

Apologies noted.

Forum endorsed minutes from the meeting of 14 August 2024. Outstanding action item addressed in the endorsed minutes.

Agenda items submitted:

PVA – Tasmania is looking for an ESO to take over the “Field of Remembrance at the Hobart Cenotaph on ANZAC day.

Deputy Commissioner update:

Welcome to new DCCF representatives.

- Karelle Logan (DPAC)
- Melissa Foale (Women’s Veterans’ Network)
- Natalie Sankey (Women’s Veterans’ Network)

Sally advised that she has had a number of enquiries regarding the Veteran death notification report sent out to ESO’s and has recently ceased providing the Next of Kin details due to privacy considerations. DVA is looking for other ways to ensure those bereaved family members are provided with support from the ESO community. There are discussions underway at a national level, and this forum will be advised of any progress.

The Provider Upload Page (PUP) is a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) online initiative enabling providers to upload Rehabilitation & Compensation (R&C) invoices, and associated case/claim-related documentation, electronically. From 30 September 2024 invoices received via email, post, mail will not be accepted. Providers will need to submit invoices via the PUP. Veterans’ can use the PUP for reimbursement and should select “Client Reimbursement Receipts option” (not invoice) on the PUP website.

The Partners of Veterans Association of Australia Tasmanian branch has been organising the Field of Remembrance at the Hobart Cenotaph on ANZAC day since 2017, when they took the event over from the War Widows Guild. The time has come for them to hand the role over to another ESO and is seeking volunteers.

DVA’s Community Engagement person Danielle Watkins has left the department, and we are waiting to hear about a replacement. If there is anything that you would have gone to Danielle for, please reach out to the Deputy Commissioner’s office.

The DCCF Christmas Function will be held at the Department of Veterans’ Affairs on Thursday 5th December 2024 from 1330 -1530. Invites will be sent out in the coming days. The Repatriation Commissioner, Kahlil Fagan and Deputy Secretary, Alison McLaren will be in attendance.

Attendee update

Mates4Mates (M4M):

Mates4Mates has been business as usual. They are recruiting for a Liaison Officer position in Launceston. M4M held many successful events for Veterans' Health Week. M4M will be closed from 24th December 2024 for the Christmas break.

Returned Services League:

RSL Tasmania will be opening the Huon and Devonport Spokes in December 2024, with Queenstown, Launceston and Bridport opening in the new year. RSL Tasmania will be closed from 20th December to 2nd January and open on a part time basis from 2-3 December with fulltime hours commencing from the 6th January 2025.

Legacy Launceston:

Legacy have been able to raise twenty thousand dollars with their fundraising efforts. The Legacy Ladies held a Melbourne Cup event which was enjoyed by all attendees.

Women's Veteran Network Australia – Tasmania (WVNA-TAS)

WVNA-TAS are a group of current and ex-serving women who provide resources and social connection. WVNA-TAS held a high tea and pottery class during Veterans' Health Week, and they are holding their Christmas function on the 1st December 2024. Information on WVNA-TAS and the upcoming events can be found of their Facebook page.

Meeting closed at 1525

Next meeting 12 February 2025, 1400