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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020

It gives me great pleasure to provide this report as President of the Panania RSL Sub-Branch.

First and foremost I wish to thank all those members who continually provide their time and energy to the Sub-Branch efforts over the preceding year. Their willingness to pitch in and ensure our events, commemorations and services and general day to day business, occurs to an exceptional level is appreciated and inspiring.

The stability and direction has returned to the NSW RSL and our Sub-Branches, with the endorsement of the new constitution at the NSW RSL congress. After some false starts and much conjecture, the RSL is back to having appropriate governance in place and we now know how we are able to operate. The procedures on the how and why are also now in place. This aides us in clearly continuing the work we carry out in the community and for our service, ex serving and active membership. The lifting of the fundraising freeze also enables us to look at ways to raise funds to do more of this valuable work.

Our services and commemorations over the year have been well attended. Our ANZAC Sunday was well supported by local groups as well as members and families. Strong numbers at these events is evidence that the community at large are behind us in our work. Our Dawn service was also once again well attended and received many favourable comments from those who joined us. We look forward to the numbers being maintained if not growing at this year's services and encourage all Sub-Branch members to attend.

Through various grants programs we have been able to add to the commemorative displays around the Club premises and ensure those attending the Diggers are made aware that first and foremost the Club is an RSL and chartered with the remembrance and assistance to those who are and have served or are still serving. Additional plaques have been commissioned and added, making the Clubs forecourt a reminder of this goal. Thanks to our Senior Vice President Joe Kaplun for ensuring we continue to uplift this visibility. We are working on providing visual displays to ensure patrons of the Club are aware of our existence and what we are doing as a Sub-Branch.

Our financial position, while restricted, remains reasonably stable against the lower interest rates and limited income. Our Honorary Treasurer John Watts continues, in consultation with the Sub-Branch executive, keeps our finances on track and nudges our budget over the line, or within reasonable levels below the line. I thank John for his work in this area and ever grateful to the Diggers Club staff whom provide assistance in this area.

Through the year we have unfortunately lost valued and close friends, as is the nature of time on us all. We remember them and thank them for their service and friendship.

Our membership is steady and over the past year we have attracted a number of new members who are, thankfully, keen to be active and contribute to our efforts. I would like to formally welcome those new members and thank you for your support and contributions.

Our meetings are at 1900 on the second Monday of every month and I encourage you all to attend and take part in our planning and informational time there.

Many thanks to our Executive and committee who continue to support myself and the Sub-Branch as a whole. The collaborative nature in which we work helps drive the outcomes we are so keen to provide.

The Executive comprising of Michael Floyd, Joe Kaplun, Garry Murray and John Watts and all the committees work is greatly appreciated and thanked.

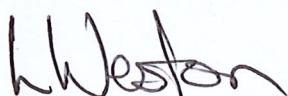
The year ahead shows signs of similar challenges to the year past and I ask that all members continue to volunteer their time to assist us in providing support to our members, their families and those that deserve our respect and support.

In closing, once again thank you all for the support and work over the past twelve months and I am sure this will continue onwards over the coming year. We endeavour to meet our commitment to helping those in need and support those as often and as much as we are able. One of the goals this year is to continue increasing our visibility in the community to raise awareness that we are here to help all serving and ex serving persons from all conflicts and services areas. Please help us get the word out.

Finally, Panania RSL Sub Brach are ever appreciative and extend our thanks to the President and Board of Directors of Panania Diggers with particular and special thanks especially to Ian Lowndes CEO for his continued ongoing support of the Sub Branch.

I thank you in services.

Panania RSL Sub-Branch

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Leo Weston', with a stylized, cursive script.

LEO WESTON

President